

Scargill forces union split as defence row rumbles on

Labour fudge on future of nuclear fuel

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Labour Party committed itself for the first time yesterday to the phasing out of nuclear power in Britain after a highly-charged debate at the annual conference in Blackpool which saw the union movement again divided by Mr Arthur Scargill.

The decision of the TUC a month ago merely to halt the development of the industry pending a safety inquiry was overturned, in spite of a passionate plea by leaders of the other power unions on behalf of the workers in the industry.

Labour's precise stance was left in a state of intended confusion as Mr Neil Kinnock won backing for his policy of a phased withdrawal of nuclear power taking decades, a fudge with which key figures in his party like Mr John Cunningham, his shadow environment secretary, could live.

But his hopes of avoiding a split with several of the country's biggest union lead-

ers pitted against each other were thwarted by Mr Scargill. The National Union of Mineworkers' leader refused to go along with a deal involving his union, the Transport and General Workers' Union and Mr Kinnock under which the leadership agreed to back the NUM demand for the next Labour government to halt the nuclear power programme, provided the motion it put before the conference

to accept an emergency resolution giving delegates the chance to vote on the TUC policy of a pause in nuclear development, passed last month by only 60,000 votes.

Their demand to be heard was initially resisted and it was only by threatening to take their protests to the conference floor, and a reported threat by Mr Hammond to pull out his union delegation, that they managed to get their motion taken.

But it was defeated by 4,130,000 votes to 2,150,000. The NUM motion was carried, along with the reservations insisted on by Mr Kinnock, by 4,213,000 to 2,143,000, just short of the two-thirds majority which would have made it a candidate for inclusion in the manifesto.

But under the leadership's policy which will now form the basis of its manifesto at the next election:

- Labour will not build any new nuclear stations.
The contract for the Sizewell pressurized water reactor if ordered will be cancelled.
Labour will start phasing out existing stations beginning

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US envoy steps up the attack

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Mr Charles Price, the United States Ambassador to Britain, yesterday stepped up the American administration's attack on the Labour Party's proposals to scrap Britain's nuclear weapons and close down American nuclear bases here.

In his third interview in 24 hours, Mr Price made clear the American alarm about the consequences to Nato.

He told TV-am: "It is very difficult for us to see and accept the fact that they would opt out and bring about the prospect of great disarray and instability in an alliance which has served us so well for 40 years."

He warned that such a policy was likely to lead to demands for the withdrawal of some of the 300,000 American troops in Europe, earning the immediate counter from Mr Kinnock: "I do not think there is any substantial basis for making these guesses."

Mr Price's latest comments underlined the Reagan Administration's determination to continue condemning Labour's proposals right up to the next election, risking further charges of bullying.

The Ambassador had already flatly contradicted Mr Kinnock's claims that earlier condemnation of Labour's policies by Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, and his assistant, Mr Richard Perle, had been repudiated by the White House.

Labour leaders have been taken aback by the unprecedentedly high profile American operation and are still seeking the best means of counter-attack. But they believe that it is a high risk strategy which could recoil on the American Government if they are seen by the British people as acting in collusion with the Conservatives here.

Mr Younger: Strong attack on Labour defence policies.

The defence debate that has dominated the party conference season and is set to be at the centre of the election campaign.

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Across the nuclear divide: Mr Eric Hammond and Mr Arthur Scargill, who faced each other in the main debate at the Labour conference in Blackpool yesterday.

Political storm over Hussey's BBC post

By Gavin Bell, Arts Correspondent

Mr Thatcher surprised and created controversy in political and broadcasting circles yesterday by appointing Mr Markaduke "Duke" Hussey, a former chief executive of Times Newspapers, as chairman of the BBC board of governors.

Mr Hussey, aged 63, who will succeed Mr Stuart Young, who died in August, is expected to take up his new post in November, subject to formal approval from the Queen.

The choice was apparently seen on both sides of politics as going some way towards meeting increasing conservative demands for tighter control over the BBC.

However Mr Hussey denied that he would be bringing any personal political bias to arguably the most important job in British broadcasting.

The reaction of his future colleagues was uncertain and a BBC source said they were adopting a wait-and-see attitude. However conflicting reactions from Conservative

and Labour politicians indicated a widespread view that Mr Hussey had been brought in to pursue a tough political line.

Mr Gerald Howarth, MP (Conservative, Cannock), welcomed the appointment: "Mr Hussey has had experience at the coalface, and should have the right tough approach. He has to stamp his authority on the BBC from the start. He must set about his task with

perseverance, and not be hoodwinked by the left-wing media at the BBC."

But Mr Gerald Kaufman, the shadow Home Secretary, said a future Labour Government would seek to remove Mr Hussey. Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman and a prominent critic of the BBC, instead agreed it was understood to be pleased with the choice.

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Reagan suffers backlash over Daniloff affair

From Michael Binyon, Washington

President Reagan yesterday received Mr Nicholas Daniloff at the White House, as the freed correspondent spoke of his gratitude and insisted his unconditional release without trial had vindicated him.

On the whole, America reacted with approval to the swift series of events and announcement of the preparatory summit meeting in Iceland.

However, some right-wing commentators criticized the exchanges and said the Russians had done better out of them than the US.

"It's a terrible precedent," said Congressman Jack Kemp, a Republican contender for the 1988 presidential election. "I'm afraid the Soviets believe they won this round, and that's the wrong kind of environment going into a critical high-level meeting."

Dr Henry Kissinger, a former Secretary of State, said he was "very uneasy" about the summit and the speed at which it was being set up: "I would not have recommended it."

General Brent Scowcroft, national security adviser to former President Gerald Ford, also said the Administration did not do well and was prepared to pay a lot for the summit.

On Capitol Hill, however, supporters of the Administration moved immediately to

make political capital out of the announcement, which is seen as helping President Reagan in the run-up to the mid-term congressional elections next month, while other congressmen were prepared to reserve judgement.

Mr Reagan admitted that he should not have said that it was the Russians who "blinked". As details of the complex deal emerge, it is clear that the US made significant concessions and was disappointed in many of its aims.

It had hoped for the release of other dissidents besides Mr

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Orlov, including Dr David Goldfarb, the ailing Jewish dissident.

President Reagan accepted the idea of an early summit with Mr Gorbachov less than a day after it was proposed to him in the Soviet leader's letter of September 19. He had suggested either Britain or Iceland as the venue.

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Tomorrow

Love to learn



As Parliament prepares to debate sex education in schools, a look at both sides of a growing controversy

Portfolio Gold

The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition prize of £4,000 was won yesterday by Dr G.E. Lovatt of Sundridge, Kent. Details, page 3. Portfolio list, page 23; rules and how to play, information service, page 16. On Saturday the weekly prize will be £24,000, treble the usual amount because no one has won for the last two weeks.

TIMES BUSINESS

Amstrad soars

In the four weeks since its launch, Amstrad's IBM-compatible range of business computers, with a basic price of £399, has achieved sales worth more than £100 million. Page 17

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Indian warning

The deputy leader of the ruling Indian Congress Party warned England's cricketers not to visit South Africa this winter or risk being barred from next year's World Cup in India and Pakistan. Page 38

TIMES JOBS

Young management trainees should appreciate that there is plenty of room at the top, says a former personnel chief in an introduction to today's six-page General Appointments section. Pages 25-30

TIMES DEGREES

A further list of London University degrees is published today. Page 33

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US airline orders 100 Airbus jets

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

In one of the biggest aircraft deals ever struck America's third biggest airline, Northwest, last night ordered 100 Airbus A320 passenger jets.

The order, which is worth 3.2 billion dollars, has catapulted Airbus Industrie, in which British Aerospace has a 20 per cent stake, alongside Boeing in the American giant's own backyard.

Even Airbus Industrie and British Aerospace executives were stunned by the size of the order which will give an enormous boost to the European manufacturer's battle with Boeing.

The aircraft, which will be used on Northwest's network of routes within the United States, are scheduled for delivery between 1990 and 1995 and work on producing the wings will guarantee the jobs of thousands of British Aerospace workers for that period.

Boeing was regarded in the industry as the natural choice for the new fleet because Northwest had built up a huge engineering network designed to cope with the whole range of Boeing jets. But Airbus salesmen never gave up hope, and managed to put together a complicated and attractive financial package

at considerably higher cost than that of North Sea natural gas supplies on the mainland - and the public for the past month have been softened-up by poster and television advertising.

The shares will go on sale in late November - the 21st is the date favoured by the

Gas customers offered £250 stake

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

More than 16 million British Gas customers are to be guaranteed the right to buy at least £250-worth of shares in the biggest-ever Stock Exchange flotation.

The minimum investment is being kept low to provide an opportunity for the small investor. And there will be incentives for would-be shareholders.

The invitation to subscribe will be coupled with an offer of discount vouchers on gas bills. Alternatively, shareholders will be able to qualify for a loyalty bonus of one share for every ten held, provided the shares are held for three years. The offer will involve a

direct mail chat to more

than 16 million potential applicants in less than two weeks - and it will mop up much of the cash returned to unsuccessful applicants for Trustee Savings Bank shares.

Only when the sale has been completed will the massive administrative costs be known.

Meanwhile, Sir Denis Rooke, chairman of British Gas, and his chief executive, Mr Bob Evans, have to sit on the sidelines, listening to the Government advisers praising the company.

Already the City has been subjected to detailed briefings on the prospects for British Gas. Seminars have also been held in most regional centres - including Belfast, where gas is still produced from oil and delivered to the household

London ruled out as venue

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

President Reagan turned down an offer from Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, to use London as the venue for their pre-summit meeting, apparently to restrict publicity and avoid security problems.

The President's decision to opt for Reykjavik was disclosed here yesterday at a briefing called by the Soviet Foreign Ministry to spell out Moscow's expectations for the meeting and give details of the complex diplomatic package that paved the way for it.

Diplomats said later that one reason for publicizing Mr Reagan's rejection of London may have been to defuse complaints from the world's media over limited access.

Mr Boris Pyadyshyev, the ministry spokesman, said that Mr Zakharov had returned to his home in Moscow and that no decision had been taken on whether to allow him to meet the press.

The question of Daniloff and Zakharov has been resolved successfully in the interests of both sides, he said.

Sealink lost £11 million on its Channel Islands and Cherbourg services last year.

After the dispute over the job cuts, the Earl William ferry remained tied up in Guernsey, the Earl Harold in Portsmouth, the Earl Godwin in Weymouth and the Earl Granville in Cherbourg with an average of 60 crew occupying each vessel.

Airlines put on extra flights to meet the shipping emergency and a private hydrofoil service was started between the Channel Islands and Poole.

The City, which had been looking for a 2 per cent increase in base rates within a week, now thinks the Chancellor may have ridden the immediate storm and will be able to get away with a rise of just 1 per cent.

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Shares stage recovery

For the second day running the London stock market closed on a high note yesterday, recovering some of the ground lost in recent weeks.

The FT 30-share index ended the day at its highest level of the session, up 24.7 at 1,251.7. The broader FT-SE 100 index put on 20.1 to close at 1,575.9. The surge in share prices has added £5.33 billion

PC Olds, the disabled hero, dies at 34

By Robin Young

PC Philip Olds, who was shot and paralysed while tackling two gunmen two days before Christmas in 1980, collapsed and died yesterday at his home in Pinner, aged 34.

PC Olds, who was awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal, remained, whether in a wheelchair or struggling to walk again with electronic aids, bracing systems and frames, a very popular hero.

He spoke frankly about his fate. "It was a deliberate shooting. If policemen had been allowed to carry guns there would be two dead men and a policeman who still had a backbone."

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NEWS SUMMARY

House price rise running at 12%

House prices continued to rise during the summer and at the end of last month showed an annual increase of 12 per cent, 2 per cent higher than for the previous quarter, the Nationwide Building Society reported yesterday in its third quarter survey (Christopher Warman writes).

GLC offices for sale

County Hall, the headquarters of the now abolished Greater London Council, yesterday went on the market described as "London's most exciting real estate opportunity" by the property agents Richard Ellis.

Getty's 5,800 to bog gift

Mr John Paul Getty II, the reclusive millionaire, yesterday gave £53,000 towards conserving a patch of rare peat bog on the Somerset levels (Hugh Clayton writes).

GPs risk Open costs

Health authorities and doctors could incur financial penalties if they fail to respond urgently to requests for medical records in the multi-million pound Open damages case, a High Court judge said yesterday.

Tory MP to retire

Sir Adam Butler (right), the Conservative MP for Bosworth and former defence, industry and Northern Ireland minister, yesterday became the 37th Conservative MP to announce their retirement at the next general election (Sheila Gunn writes).



Yachtswoman home

Miss Anne Miller, the Scottish yachtswoman who was thought to have died during a transatlantic crossing, sailed into Campbelltown on the west coast of Scotland yesterday, two years after leaving Bermuda.

'We don't want to throw down gauntlets' Pit peace is vital, says coal chief

By Ian Smith and Tim Jones

Miners were yesterday warned to be on their best behaviour by Sir Robert Haslam, the new chairman of British Coal.

His warning came at the same time as the publication of a book which claims that the year-long miners' strike was greatly prolonged because of Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mine-workers, who became "the embodiment of the enemy within".

The authors of the book, The Miners Strike - Lost

Without Limit. Martin Adeney, industrial editor of BBC television news, and John Lloyd, formerly industrial editor of the Financial Times and now editor of the New Statesman, also suggest the strike may not have taken place had it not been for Mr Scargill.

They claim it was a common belief in the Government, the Labour movement and the coal board that Mr Scargill greatly prolonged the strike and raised the stakes. It is also believed he turned what could have been a partial victory into a complete defeat.

miners would help to transform an annual loss of £50 million into a break-even situation by 1989, but that industrial action would inevitably jeopardize plans for further investment.

He was speaking after surfacing from Bickershall colliery in Lancashire after his first visit underground since he took over control from Sir Ian MacGregor on September 1.

Sir Robert spoke optimistically of the new mood of cheerful commitment and the £65 million cash injection the industry will receive this year for the further development of

low-cost mines and new technology equipment.

But he was quick to warn Mr Scargill and the NUM that the industry is going through a critical phase and its salvation is in its workers' hands. A £3 per tonne reduction in coal prices to the Central Electricity Generating Board will mean a £400 million loss in profits this year at a time when the world is awash with cheap oil and foreign coal.

"When people think of nationalized industries they rather tend to think in terms of monopoly money - but it is very real money," he said bluntly. "We have to get more

coal out of low-cost pits and make sure we keep our customers properly supplied."

The chairman said it was essential at a time when the Government is actively discussing whether to build nuclear, coal power stations, or both, that they be reassured that British Coal can deliver its goods.

"We do not want to get into any game of making threats or throwing down gauntlets," he added. "But if we let our customers down now sales will be irrevocably lost and this will have an immediate impact in cutting our planned capital programme."

Moderates in 'super union' setback

By Tim Jones

Leaders of the amalgamated Engineering Union, meeting in Blackpool, have decided to press ahead with their plans to form a right-dominated "super union" in spite of an unexpected setback at the hands of the executive of the Institution of Professional Civil Servants (IPC).

Firmly committed to high-technology and prepared to accept, after tough negotiations, no strike agreements, the union could transcend in voting power even the giant left-dominated Transport and General Workers Union.

A meeting to discuss a moderate alliance was set up last month at the TUC Congress in Brighton by Mr Bill Jordan, president of the engineers, and Mr Eric Hammond, general secretary of the Electrical, Electronic and Plumbing Trade Union.

Mr Bill McCall, general secretary of the IPC, was closely involved in the scheme but his executive, by a large majority, has decided to distance itself from the move.

The building workers' union Ucat has also tempered its initial enthusiasm although its officers are still talking about a possible accommodation.

Marketing seen by Tories as key to poll hat-trick

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Conservative Party leaders are pinning their hopes on a sophisticated new marketing strategy to transform next week's Bournemouth conference into a springboard to a hat-trick of election victories.

The Central Office and its advertising agents, Saatchi and Saatchi, commissioned detailed opinion research among floating voters and disgruntled Tories and discovered that the party has to give a much sharper focus to its vision of the future to recapture support that has ebbed away since the 1983 triumph.

It is that finding that will dictate the message Mrs Margaret Thatcher and her ministers will try to put over to the country.

Four key elements make up the new campaigning approach, underpinning the 103rd Conservative Party conference:

• A conference slogan with a forward-looking theme, coined on the basis of the polling evidence to appeal to voters who believe the Government has rather lost its way in the past two years.

• The co-ordination of all

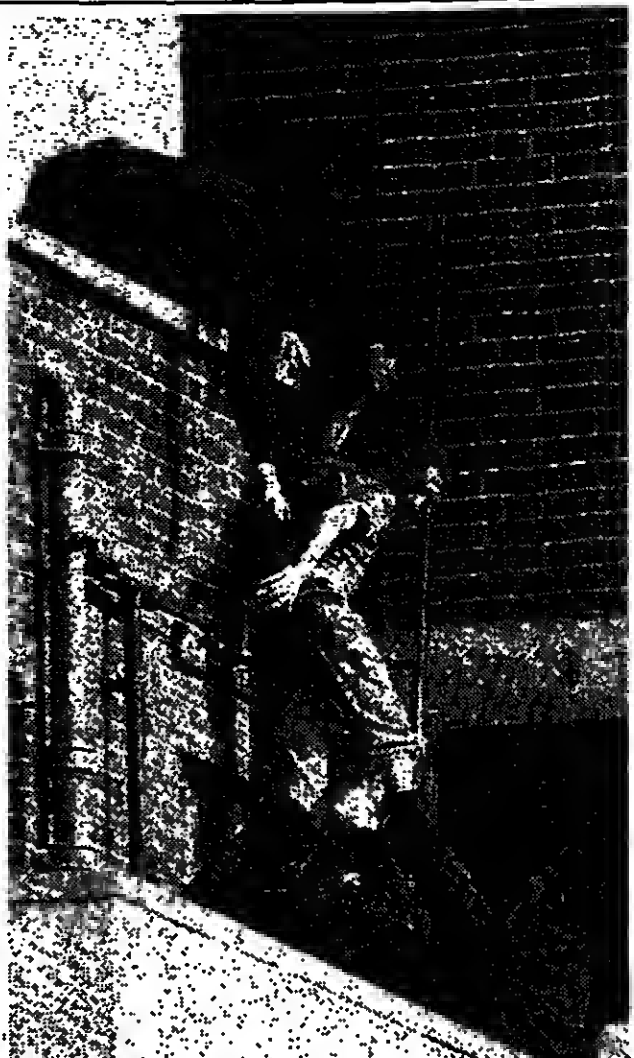
ministerial speeches so that they encapsulate the thinking behind the slogan and contain specific "milestones" and "targets" spelling out the agenda for the rest of this term of office and Mrs Thatcher's next administration.

• Instant publicity material for the delegates. This will be linked to ministers' speeches to remind them of the pledges given and to be used as campaigning material.

• Advertisements in this Sunday's national newspapers promoting the conference, its slogan and an outline of Britain's future under a renewed term of Conservative rule.

The new approach, intended to carry the Tories to a "campaigning period", the phase before an outright election campaign, has been masterminded by Mr Norman Tebbit, the party chairman, and Mr Michael Dobbs, his chief of staff and a former Saatchi and Saatchi executive.

Mr Tebbit's speech at the opening of the conference on Tuesday and the Prime Minister's closing address on the Friday will hammer home the message of the Tories as a party with a mission.



Police bringing the injured intruder down from the roof where he had hidden in a coal bunker.

Pensioner wins gun struggle

A man aged 65 wrestled a sawn-off shotgun from a suspected bank robber and punched his companion in the face when two men burst into his east London council flat yesterday.

One of the men escaped while the other clanked on to the roof of Mr Frankie Pearson's flat and held armed police at bay for more than three hours.

The "drama" started at 12.30pm when a security van was held up in front of Barclays bank in Whitechapel Road. Police arrived seconds later and a security man gave chase. A shot was fired, but nobody was injured.

At 1.15pm, Mr Pearson answered a knock on the door of his flat in Colebet Avenue, Bethnal Green. "One of the men hit me with a gun or a helmet and I saw stars", he said.

"I went berserk and I punched him. His head was cut wide open with blood streaming from it. I picked him up and threw him against



Mr Frankie Pearson, who suffered facial injuries.

the door." Mr Pearson was slightly hurt.

Armed police arrived shortly after, but the injured man had disappeared on to the roof, where he hid in a coal bunker.

At 2.45, armed police reached the roof, using ladders. They threw three stun grenades at a door leading to an enclosure, finally gaining access after following a trail of blood.

At 3.40, police dragged the man down the ladder. It was later confirmed that a man had been taken to hospital.

The search for the second man was continuing last night.

Ban on Libyan airline

By Michael Evans, Whitehall Correspondent

Libyan Arab Airlines' twice weekly flights into Heathrow Airport are to be banned with almost immediate effect because of involvement in terrorist activity, a Cabinet committee decided yesterday.

The three key ministers, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, and Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Transport, were unanimous in the decision. It will be noted by the full Cabinet today.

Under the Libyan Arab Airlines' air service agreement, its operating permit has another month to run. The committee decided that a ban on flights from Tripoli was the only course to take after the evidence during last week's trial of Rasmi Awad.

Awad was jailed for 25 years for receiving four grenades brought on board a Libyan Arab Airlines' aircraft.

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Heathrow guns split police

By Stewart Tessler, Crime Reporter

Police commanders yesterday rejected a call to condemn the use of heavily-armed police patrols at airports, but registered anxiety at the implications.

On the second day of the Police Superintendents' Association conference in Harrogate, delegates representing more than 2,000 officers turned down a motion on the use of sub-machine guns introduced this year to counter terrorism.

After its overwhelming defeat in a closed session, Chief Supt Kenneth Smith, association secretary, said the executive had supported the concern but not the call for the removal of support. But the motion could not be split.

Supt Brian Mackenzie, of Durham, the proposer, said: "It was defeated but there was a feeling that the conference does wish to show concern about arming of police at airports."

Crown prosecution service

Defiant magistrate draws first blood

By Alan Hamilton

Miss Audrey Jennings, the stipendiary magistrate presiding over court two of Wells Street Magistrates' Court, central London, was in no mood to have her time wasted.

"It is the most inefficient and appalling way of going about things I have come across for a long time. If any business was run the way the courts are run, they would be out of business by eleven o'clock in the morning," she declared yesterday.

It was the day on which the much maligned crown prosecution service officially replaced the police as the pursuer of offences in the courts of England and Wales, a day on which many might be expected to have the unenviable experience of a newly-invested legal apparatus.

However, the magistrate's impatience was not directed at Mr Andrew Brierley, the fresh-faced crown prosecution service lawyer, who had brought before her a youth charged with threatening behaviour and assaulting a police officer during a demonstration outside the South African embassy in Trafalgar Square.

Rather, it was directed at Mr Henry Blackland, counsel for the defence, who asked for an adjournment to allow time to gather more witnesses.

"I shall hear this case today," Miss Jennings said, in spite of pleas that she

The official start of the crown prosecution service yesterday saw discontent surface in prosecuting departments outside London because of the need for lawyers to be seconded to make up staffing shortfalls (Frances Gibb writes).

This problem is worst in London where the service has had to find the largest number of lawyers. About 60 provincial prosecutors have been seconded to help get it off the ground.

The secondment was placed on a more formal basis from yesterday, although the office of the Director of Public

Prosecutions has insisted that it will be voluntary and will not lead to permanent transfer.

However, a number of prosecutors are concerned that a refusal to go may count against them. One Buckinghamshire lawyer said: "What it amounts to is that if we refuse to go, we will not have much of a career; and if that is not being press-ganged, as has been alleged, I don't know what it is."

Mr J V Bates, another chief crown prosecutor, said in a memorandum to his staff that he did not want "to require the secondment of lawyers". But

possibly justified looking into the accused's background. Did Mr Brierley have the accused's previous convictions? He did. But should she look at them? Mr Brierley was aware of the tricky legal ground looming. "I think the prosecution case is strong enough without looking at them, madam," he said. She did not look at them.

However, Miss Jennings did allow the defence to pursue the Rhodesian line a little further. "Counsel for the prosecution seems to be fair, to an extent I find not only commendable, but overwhelming," she said.

It was a clear bonus point for the crown prosecution service. Another came moments later when the accused was found guilty. But then the magistrate asked if Mr

the terms of the letter from the crown prosecution service meant that, "if there are not volunteers I may be required to volunteer people".

He added: "I think it is plain that those who go to London and do well will have bonus points on their personal files."

While the service is actively recruiting lawyers, it maintains it will not lower standards to make up the shortfall. The service, under which responsibility for prosecuting crime is removed from the police to the network of public prosecutors, is fully operational throughout Britain.

Brierley could sketch in the accused's background to help her choose the most appropriate sentence. He could not.

The bench was not amused. Mr Brierley protested that such matters were, and always had been, the province of the probation service. Reluctantly the magistrate remanded the youth in custody for social inquiry reports. Shouting a broad Glasgow obscenity, he was led away.

The defence rose with the intention of objecting to the presentation of the youth's previous convictions at too early a stage, but as his client had left the court the magistrate ruled him out of order.

Miss Jennings then retired to lunch, while Mr Brierley left the court with a satisfied but discreet smile.

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IRA informer praised for his courage

An IRA informer was described as a "strange animal" but a brave man to a jury at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Mr Roy Amlot, praised the courage of Mr Raymond O'Connor, aged 50, the main prosecution witness in the trial of Thomas Maguire, aged 27, who denies conspiring with others to blow up the Eagle and Child Inn, near Weeton Army camp in Blackpool in 1983.

Mr Maguire, a university graduate from Dublin, is accused of conspiring with Patrick Magee, now serving 35 years for the Brighton hotel bomb explosion and a man called Patrick Murray, to blow up the public house in 1983. The trial continues today.

MP resigns

Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk, who said he had been hounded out of politics by Militant, resigned officially yesterday as Labour MP for Knowsley North. A by-election is expected next month.

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Defeat for Scargill move on nuclear fuel

The attempt by Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, to commit the Labour Party in its election manifesto to phasing out all existing nuclear power plants just failed in a series of card votes yesterday at the end of the debate on nuclear power.

Nuclear missiles come from a poison well called reprocessing

and will help to quell the fears of those union leaders who, in yesterday's impassioned debate, voiced considerable concern for the future of workers in the industry and the need to ensure alternative jobs.

4,121,000 votes to 2,103,000—a majority of 2,018,000. Both spokesmen for the NEC and the shadow Cabinet made clear in the debate that a Labour Government would not order any new nuclear power stations.

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Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, congratulating Herr Willy Brandt, the former West German Chancellor, after he had addressed the conference in Blackpool yesterday

sources of energy, including nuclear power. The resolution rejected the Government's reliance on market forces and instructed the NEC to institute an independent technical review on the role of nuclear energy and report back to the 1987 conference.

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situation and the first action of the EI Supremo will be total disregard for the TUC and to turn his back on the CLPs. They will be of no further use—puppets pose no threat.

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Mr Ron Todd, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said his union backed the NEC statement and NUM motion calling for a properly planned phasing out of nuclear power but they did also accept the NEC reservations.

ceived as a cheap and clean method of electricity production but as a convenient spin off from a nuclear weapons programme undemocratically decided upon by a Labour government. Despite constant denials, there were links between nuclear weapons and civil nuclear power generation.

It is a fuel of the past. The only responsible policy is to phase it out

mal oxide processing, but would continue to re-process Magnox fuel for the time being. The NEC attacked the highest priority to ensuring work for those in the industry.

BRANDT SPEECH

Britain's role in European security

No system of common security was possible in Europe without a British Government playing a constructive role.

He had opened his speech to conference by disclaiming any intention of interfering in British politics, but adding that if there was a "bright new face" at 10 Downing Street, it would make a difference not only to people in Britain but among those in Europe used to looking to the United Kingdom for a measured degree of leadership.

Europe needed a vigorous and successful British Labour policy because they wanted to bring about a new phase of détente, an *ostpolitik* on a higher level.

It was his conviction that there would be no secure peace without a system of common security and there would be no such system without a British government having a constructive role.

He welcomed the announcement of a summit conference but added that in Europe they would have to look after their own citizens' interests, and pursue peace-preserving endeavours of their own.

The Vienna talks on mutual balanced force reductions must be brought to a positive result; life must be put into the project of a nuclear-free zone in Europe (applause) and they must get rid of chemical weapons on both sides in a divided Europe.

MOTOR INDUSTRY

Sanctions warning to GM

A Labour government might use its purchasing and procurement policies as a sanction against General Motors if the company continued retrenchment in Britain, Mr John Smith, the party's trade and industry spokesman said in Blackpool yesterday.

He was giving Labour's endorsement to a trade union campaign to avert 1,700 redundancies at the GM trucks division at Bedford, and a rundown at the Rover Group in Cowley.

Mr Smith said that the crisis in the British motor industry represented another industrial retreat, and would mean more lost employment and a new front for imports.

He feared that Rover Group under Mr Graham Day was embarking on a strategy of much lower volume-build to seek a niche in the market well below present levels.

Rover plants at Cowley South; Drews Lane, Birmingham; and Llanelli, could be in for substantial redundancies, he added.

Mr Smith said that Labour stood firmly behind Rover as a medium-volume car producer and no further slide in its share of the market.

Labour criticized General Motors for exporting profits to overseas plants which produce parts for vehicles assembled in Britain.

COMMENTAR



Geoffrey Smith

The debate on nuclear energy yesterday was the best there has yet been at this conference. It was a clash of interest and of passion on an issue of the first importance.

On one side there was the belief that after Chernobyl nuclear power simply represents too great a danger no matter what economic justification there may be for it. Some speakers made the link between nuclear power and nuclear weapons, but this was not a defence debate by any other name.

On the other side it was argued that the dangers presented by nuclear power in Britain were as yet uncertain while the economic price for getting rid of the nuclear industry was undeniable.

Jobs would be lost in the industry itself and the consequent increase in energy costs would have its effects throughout the whole economy which would hardly be the best way to cut unemployment.

A re-run of the TUC debate

Therefore, it was maintained, there should be a thorough investigation.

In many respects this was a re-run of the debate at the TUC a few weeks ago, with the miners—seeking a larger role for coal in meeting Britain's energy needs—ranged against other unions with members working in the nuclear industry. The TUC then voted by a very narrow majority in favour of waiting for the outcome of a review.

That decision was a consideration yesterday. But it had been taken by such a small margin at Brighton that the Labour conference was not deterred from rejecting a resolution asking the party to take exactly the same route as the unions.

The decisions that were taken yesterday should give the party leadership a fair amount of discretion in determining the policy on which Labour will fight the election. The principle of phasing out nuclear power in Britain was accepted. But the national executive committee statement, the only proposition receiving the two thirds majority required to become eligible for inclusion in the election manifesto, was couched in distinctly gradualist terms.

It spoke of phasing out over decades. So while the direction of Labour policy has now been decided, it seems unlikely that there will be any commitment to swift and significant action.

There are two political reasons why it would be unwise for Labour to go any faster. The opposition to phasing out nuclear power at all contains some of the most powerful trade unions who feel passionately on the issue. They believe that the livelihood of their members is liable to be put at risk on account of fears that have yet to be tested by rational assessment.

Perhaps they can be reassured if the threat of action looks sufficiently indefinite. But Mr Kinnock would not wish to encounter a stubborn and public rear-guard action from them in the run-up to the election.

There is also the attitude of the electorate to be taken into account. Polling evidence suggests on the whole a preference for keeping the nuclear power stations that we have already, but not building any more. Labour policy has already been taken beyond that cautious position.

Coming to terms with Chernobyl

Whether that will matter electorally is particularly hard to assess at the moment because I do not believe that the British public has yet reached a settled conclusion after the shock of Chernobyl.

My own guess is that nuclear power may be an issue of never-rising importance in a few constituencies at the next election—those that would be affected by the closure of power stations or the siting of nuclear waste dumps.

Elsewhere I suspect that there is still too much confusion for the subject to swing many votes, unless there were either to be some new development or Labour policy were to contribute to a general impression of a lack of realism.

In general what I believe most people want I believe most politicians at this stage is a sufficient awareness of public anxiety and a readiness to examine the issues very seriously.

Black MPs 'will work as caucus'

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Black MPs returned to parliament at the next election will form what amounts to their own black section within the Parliamentary Labour Party.

The Labour conference in Blackpool yesterday rejected for the third year running the establishment of black sections within the party, but Miss Diane Abbott, parliamentary candidate for the safe Labour seat of Hackney North, told a black sections fringe meeting that black MPs would "work together as a caucus".

She claimed that this was essential to overcome the obvious "limitations" of being a black MP.

Other black candidates likely to be elected are Mr Bernie Grant, the leader of Haringey council, in the safe Tottenham seat, and Mr Paul Boatman, former chairman of the GLC police committee, in Brent South.

While the Labour constitution does not specifically outlaw caucuses, it does rule out groups with closed memberships and a black caucus would undoubtedly be opposed by the party leadership.

THIRD WORLD

Huge increase in aid to poorest pledged

A pledge to commit the next Labour government to a massive increase in aid to developing Third World countries, a relaxation of their international debts and a readiness to dip into contingency reserves in the event of major disasters, won unanimous approval yesterday.

A show of hands accepted the establishment of a Ministry of Overseas Development with a Cabinet seat; a minimum of 0.7 per cent of gross national product earmarked as unconditional aid for Third World development; transference to the trade budget of all responsibility for promoting trade with the Third World.

It also included participation in a big initiative to write off Third-World debts and joint international action to control the activities of multinational companies operating in the Third World, particularly in relation to employment, and marketing.

Mr Eric Clarke, for the national executive committee, said the present Government's record on the Third World was shameful and brought shame on Britain.

Labour would reverse that by giving priority to overseas spending to the poorest countries, the most disadvantaged groups within society, especially women, and to governments which had shown a determination to improve quality of life.

There would also be a doubling of the aid programme to reach the United Nations' target of spending within the lifetime of the next Parliament, he said.

Delegates carried overwhelmingly a resolution calling on the NEC to put pressure on the United States to withdraw support for the Contra rebels in Central America and to condemn any proposals for action damaging to Nicaragua and its revolution.

Sad defeat for a man of principle

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Even in the moment of his defeat on Tuesday Mr Eric Heffer was claiming that his principles had cost him dear.

Just as principle had caused him to walk off the platform during Mr Neil Kinnock's anti-Militant tour de force at Bournemouth last year, and out of the last Labour government over the referendum on Britain's EEC membership in 1975, so his refusal to bow down before what he saw as a rightward drift in the party made him pay the ultimate price.

Afterwards he sadly mused: "I think there is a drift to the right within the party. I have been honest and open enough to say so."

The trouble for Mr Heffer, a former party chairman, carpenter and joiner by trade, was that his criticism of Mr Kinnock had become a little too much even for his former allies to take.

SOUTH AFRICA

Call to send arms defeated

The conference overwhelmingly endorsed a call for the introduction of effective and mandatory sanctions against South Africa but rejected on a show of hands a resolution demanding that a Labour Government should provide arms and other material support to the revolutionary movement in South Africa.

Mr Syd Tierney of the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers, replying to the debate for the national executive committee, said this suggestion over-exaggerated not only the position of the African National Congress, but Labour's position as well. He described the resolution as arrogant.

Moving the first motion calling for sanctions and action through the United Nations, the Commonwealth and the European Community, Mr John Jones, Technical, Administrative and Supervisory Section of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, said his motion spelled out the party's total commitment to ending apartheid. South Africa's illegal occupation of Namibia, mandatory and comprehensive sanctions, aiding the front-line states, release of political prisoners and to the ANC.

He said they could impose personal boycotts on South African goods. Local authorities could impose boycotts and they should support the anti-apartheid movement.

Wall Street and the City of London were now running scared and investment in South Africa was falling.

Mr Ron Todd, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, who recently visited South Africa, said he had seen the apartheid army which beat and wounded and murdered the black majority. "I experienced what it was like to be black in South Africa. We have to remove this oppressive regime."

"I was not prepared for what I saw, but that is not the end of the story. I saw courage, determination and hope—courage almost beyond my understanding."

Miss Julie Harris, Poole, moving the motion calling for the provision of arms, said that trade-union enforced sanctions would bite.

Workers all over the world were shocked at the death of the 177 miners in South Africa. They were not killed by an act of God but by big business and apartheid. Only a revolutionary socialist fight by black workers could bring



IRA condemned as 'murderers of Irish'

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Mr Stuart Bell, a Labour spokesman on Northern Ireland, shared a platform with a convicted IRA bomber in Blackpool last night and declared: "The perpetrators of violence are not democrats let alone socialists. They are murderers of Irishmen."

Mr Tommy Carroll is now an elected councillor representing Sinn Féin, the political wing of the IRA, but Mr Bell made clear his repugnance for that organization.

"I am a year from now those governments will be in the dustbin of history."

He said that on his return from South Africa he was more convinced than ever that there would be black majority rule within 15 years. But that would only come about if the struggle inside South Africa was supported by economic sanctions outside South Africa.

Black leaders knew that sanctions would hurt them in the short run, but knew it was the only way to get the white regime overthrown.

He would like to see, in addition to sanctions, the sale of gold stocks. If every government holding gold started to sell it it would do more to damage the South African regime than anything else.



# Doctors get £1m grant to study heredity in cases of heart disease

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Doctors were yesterday divided over the effect of salt on high blood pressure, and the British Heart Foundation announced it is to spend £1 million funding four studies looking into the part played by heredity in heart disease.

The latest news about salt comes from the Royal Society of Medicine, in a publication by a panel of six heart disease specialists.

They disclosed that after weighing the evidence of more than 250 studies during the past 10 years, they were still divided on their opinions.

During a year people consume up to 10 times more salt than necessary to meet the needs of the body.

The panel of doctors was considering whether for public health reasons there was a need to impose a restriction on the amount of salt in people's diet.

They agreed on the benefits of a reduction for people suffering high blood pressure, in addition to their medication, but opinions were divided on all other aspects of the study.

They tried to decide if the large majority of patients who experience mild blood pressure could benefit from a reduction of salt as an alternative to drugs, but they failed to find an answer.

In fact, as the number of studies increased the results seemed ever more contradictory.

However, the doctors generally agreed that while salt perhaps exerted a small influence on blood pressure, the effect was tiny compared with that of overweight or excess alcohol.

Grant support of £1 million for four study groups was announced yesterday by the British Heart Foundation. One recipient is Dr David Galton, of St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, for an inquiry into the genetic basis of coronary heart disease, which is known to run in families and can affect young adults.

Dr Galton is looking at young survivors of heart attacks, and is concentrating on the pattern of inheritance of substances in the blood called apolipoproteins, which transport the fatty and waxy substances involved in the narrowing of the heart's blood vessels.

If the genes responsible for the abnormality in the body's chemical handling of these lipids are identified, then it should provide the basis for better advice and treatment of families with a history of the disease.

A related research project by Professor Augusto Serafini-Fracassini, of St Andrews University, is looking for the genetic explanation of the formation of elastic tissues in the body's main artery, the aorta.

Again, better preventive measures and treatments of important disorders of blood vessels because of abnormalities of their elastic structures could come from understanding how genetic control influences abnormalities.

Narrowing of blood vessels in the leg and neck, as well as in the heart, in patients with atherosclerosis, is a special project of Dr Stephen Humphries and Professor Roger Greenhalgh, of Charing Cross Sunley Research Centre, in London.

Like Dr Galton, they are examining the pattern of inheritance of apolipoproteins, to try to identify individuals and families at high risk.

The fourth study allied to genetic predisposition to heart disease, by Dr David Wood, at the Royal South Hants and Southampton General Hospital, follows a different approach to identifying people at risk.

He is tracing the relatives of all men in the Southampton Health Authority under the age of 55 who die suddenly from heart disease, relatives of all such men under 55 admitted to hospital with heart attacks and relatives of a sample of men under 55 attending their family doctors with chest pain due to heart disease.

The results will be compared with similar examinations of patients with no family history of heart disease, to show whether tracing relatives is an effective way of identifying symptom-free people at risk.



Michael Newbey, who hopes to interview President Reagan later this month (Photograph: Alan Weller).

## Boy of 12 is hoping to interview Reagan

A schoolboy hopes to interview President Ronald Reagan and British political leaders next month.

Michael Newbey, aged 12, from Woking in Surrey, has also requested an interview with the Soviet leader, Mr Mikhail Gorbachev. But he is still awaiting a reply.

He became a radio presenter last month when he was selected as the "Radio Kid" by County Sound Radio in Guildford, Surrey.

Michael said he regarded the opportunity to interview world leaders in a special telephone link-up with the radio station as "a challenge".

He said that he would like to interview "controversial" people: "I want to get down to the heart of things and find out what they really think."

He is now being trained to interview and present on the air. A County Sound spokesman said that the White House had agreed in principle to Michael's request.

Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party, has already accepted Michael's invitation, and Mrs Thatcher hopes to fit in an interview.

## Strict security in force for Robinson hearing

A big security operation will be mounted by the Irish police and army for the court appearance today of Mr Peter Robinson, MP for Belfast East, on charges arising from August's "loyalist" cross-border incursion.

The Irish police are determined to prevent a repeat of the sectarian violence which erupted when Mr Robinson, deputy leader of the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), was remanded on £10,000 bail in Dundalk, Co Louth, on charges of assaulting police,

malicious damage and unlawful assembly.

Several hundred police will ring the district court in Ballybay, Co Monaghan, for today's hearing, while soldiers patrol border crossings.

A short, formal remand is expected. The Irish government is likely to apply later this month to have the case switched to the Special Criminal Court, Dublin.

Mr Robinson is due to be accompanied by the Rev Ian Paisley, the DUP leader, and the Rev Robert McCrea, MP for Mid Ulster.

## Airlines could lose £694m as fewer fly

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

The world's airlines could lose up to one billion dollars (£694 million) this year because of a big drop in the number of passengers, the airlines "club" laments.

Statistics compiled using figures from all 144 members show that in the year ending July the airlines carried 1.5 million fewer people than the previous year. However, the number of seats for sale went up by 4.5 per cent.

Dr Gunter Eser, lara's director general, has now warned airlines: "lara members could incur a net loss of up to one billion dollars on international services this year."

Part of the blame, according to Dr Eser, lies with governments and the oil industry in preventing the full benefits of the fall in fuel prices from being passed on to the airlines.

He also claims that airlines have been slow to react to the decline in the number of passengers. A year ago they predicted there would be a rise of about 5 per cent in the number of people travelling by air, but fears of terrorism and an economic decline in parts of the world meant there was a drop. Yet the airlines put on extra seats which they could not fill.

However, the overall figures hide large fluctuations in airline fortunes.

The financial difficulties are bound to lead to further reductions in staff, takeovers, mergers, bankruptcies and fewer new aircraft.

## Six named for Irish aid board

By David Sapstead

The British and Irish governments yesterday agreed on the membership of the board to administer the multi-million pound international aid fund for Ireland.

Six prominent figures, three from Northern Ireland and three from the republic, will serve on the board, set up after the US Congress allocated \$120 million to redevelopment. Canada has promised \$10 million and Australia and the EEC are also expected to contribute.

Sir Charles Brett, a solicitor and former chairman of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, will chair a team consisting of Sir Ewart Bell, former head of the Northern Ireland Civil Service; Sir Gordon Booth, a former diplomat and director of Hanson Trust; Mr Michael Canavan, a Northern Ireland businessman; Mr Gerald Dempsey, chairman of Aer Lingus; Mr Neil McCann, chairman of Ireland's largest fruit and vegetable importing company, and Mr Alastair McGuckian, chairman of Masstock (Ireland) Ltd.

## Wedding pictures dispute

The Daily Mail went to the High Court yesterday to stop a rival newspaper from using exclusive wedding photographs of Mrs Deborah Bell, the expectant mother being kept on a life support machine.

Mr Justice Harman continued a temporary injunction granted last Monday against Express Newspapers, barring them from using the photographs until a full hearing of a copyright action next Wednesday.

Mrs Bell, aged 24, a secretary, is in Middlesbrough General Hospital where she was taken last month with a suspected brain haemorrhage.

Mr Alastair Wilson, for Mail Newspapers, told the judge they had paid Mr Bell a substantial sum for the copyright to photographs of their wedding day.

Express Newspapers are defending the claim for infringement of copyright and opposed the continuation of the injunction. They claim the pictures were published by them last Friday, before the Daily Mail did a deal with Mr Bell.

## Acid rain: 4 The price is high, but it must be paid

The immense cost of eliminating acid rain makes governments reluctant to tackle it. But as Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent, reports in the last of four articles, the cost of enduring it is beginning to look even higher.

The message coming from politicians and environmental campaigners alike is that acid rain can be conquered. The argument now is all about the timetable and the extent of necessary action.

A key admission this year from the Government and the Central Electricity Generating Board is that Britain does export some of the pollutants that are clearly damaging wildlife and plants abroad.

The first part of the admission was the more significant.

It is easier to accept that somebody is being damaged by acid than to agree that you are helping to drop it on him. Britain knew years ago how to eliminate sulphur from power station fumes, and fitted costly cleaning equipment to some of its power stations.

The clean air laws of 30 years ago made sure that the dense and dangerous smogs that once polluted London's streets were not repeated. New power stations were to be built outside the great cities, and were to be given tall chimneys to make sure that the smoke did not fall on the immediate neighbourhood.

It drifted abroad instead, but the complex atmospheric reactions that produced acid rain were not investigated for some time especially advanced about the technology in prospect for three of Britain's coal-firing power stations where equipment will be installed to remove sulphur from the smoke.

In the sky, the supply of one of the ingredients of acid rain will be reduced. On the ground it will mean that three large chemical works will have to be built next to the power stations. The by-product of sulphur removal is gypsum, a principal component of plaster. The building market will not be able to use all the gypsum produced at power stations, and slag heaps of it may accumulate.

The task of tackling the other main source of the ingredients of acid damage has scarcely begun. Vehicle exhaust pump into the atmosphere a collection of chemicals which can react in the heat of the sun to increase the amount of ozone in the air. If ozone goes far above its

naturally-occurring level, it can damage plants. So can nitric acid, which reaches the ground in rain or snow which has come down from clouds soured with oxides of nitrogen produced from the burning processes in power stations, factories and vehicle engines.

The cost of tackling acid rain is so immense that it is tempting to leave it alone. We can still breathe, after all.

But there is growing evidence of damage to plants and wild creatures and of a steady build-up of acid in soil since the industrial revolution. Even if the ingredients of acid rain were removed from the atmosphere overnight, it would take decades for the accumulated acid in the soil to dwindle. Concluded.

The 1986 Student package terms apply to those entering full-time further education in 1986 for the first time, and who will be in receipt of an LEA award. \*Cheque cards are available to those who are eighteen years of age or over and are in receipt of an award. \*\*Provided you fill in a Servicecard application form at your local branch. \*\*\*Overdrafts subject to status and conditions. Written credit details available from any branch of NatWest on 41 Lothbury, London EC2P 2BP.



Towards a summit: ● Kremlin's motives ● Relief in US ● Focus on Reykjavik

Gorbachov confident that arms agreement is near

From Christopher Walker Moscow

Gorbachov has been nothing if not consistent in recent months in insisting that he would only attend a second summit if he was assured that it would provide agreement in at least one area of arms control. In his own mind, he must be convinced that his condition will soon be fulfilled.

That verdict, delivered by a veteran Kremlin-watcher, on the Communist Party leader's motives in pushing for this month's surprise "pre-summit summit" in Iceland, summed up the conviction here that, after months of laborious spadework, the superpowers are close to signing a new, limited disarmament treaty.

The point was driven home by Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, who is emerging as one of the most able members of the 12-man Politburo. He told reporters at the United Nations: "The time has come for fundamental decisions. To see where, on what questions, there is mutual understanding and to prepare a draft agreement on such issues."

His scenario of a draft agreement, discussed in Reykjavik and then later signed in Washington, is the one criterion by which most diplomats here are assessing the course of events. Most see the Iceland get-together as a diplomatic plus

for Mr Gorbachov who, earlier in the year, was snubbed by the White House when he made a similar invitation.

The Soviet and American sides both appear anxious to reduce publicity in case the October 11 and 12 meeting is unproductive, which is why the US chose Iceland rather than the more convenient venue of London, which was suggested by Mr Gorbachov.

A strong hint that progress was at last being made on arms control came last week when Mr Boris Pyadyshv, a

Herr Helmut Schmidt, the former West German Chancellor, said in Denmark yesterday that, with the US presidential election campaign on the horizon, there was running out for a superpower agreement on arms reduction.

spokesman for the Foreign Ministry, told reporters - then still obsessed with the intricacies of the Daniloff affair - that there was a chance of a Soviet-American agreement on cutting intermediate missiles in Europe. Yesterday he was more bullish: "We have promising prospects for an agreement," he said.

Movement on the issue, although it is less important to the Kremlin than either space or strategic weapons, is seen by the Soviet side as easier to obtain because it is less likely

to face resolute opposition from White House "hawks". As one source explained: "The view here is that the question of disarmament is so urgent that it is better to start somewhere."

Even on this limited topic reservations exist, and Moscow has suggested an interim accord in which each superpower would be able to keep 100 warheads in Europe, rather than the "zero option" or total abolition it is seeking. It has also retreated from its earlier insistence that British and French nuclear arsenals must be included in the equation.

In addition to the possible agreement, arms control experts here believe that there remains an outside chance of the two governments agreeing to some form of limitation on nuclear testing if the Soviet side is prepared to be more flexible on verification. The recent razzmatazz surrounding the opening of a Soviet underground testing site indicated to Western reporters that this was possible.

Mr Gorbachov's enthusiasm for new agreements on arms control is motivated by a complexity of factors, the most pressing being the dire state of the Soviet economy. It is feared by some of his supporters that the country could, in the long term, face domestic unrest if ordinary citizens become dissatisfied

with their meagre material lot. Many Western analysts claim that the Soviet economy is the key to Mr Gorbachov's unflagging stream of peace initiatives.

"As the latest announcement of electricity rationing shows, the economy cannot be resuscitated if resources are not switched soon from the massive defence sector," one diplomat said. The Kremlin's problems have been emphasized recently by its need to sell gold in order to reduce the trade deficit.

Less widely realized by those in the West who take the simplistic view that the Soviet Union is nothing but an international bully after world domination is the feverish desire by Mr Gorbachov to be seen as an equal with the US leader and to be treated similarly.

Although some observers have already produced a variety of Machiavellian theories to explain Mr Gorbachov's enthusiasm for the Iceland meeting, most experienced observers here prefer the more straightforward. As one West European diplomat explained: "This way, he can go before any Politburo doubters and tell them in advance what he will get from the second summit proper. If he discovers in Reykjavik that he is not going to get it, he will find a reason for not going on to Washington later."



Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, meeting Miss Katherine Clark, the daughter of his Canadian counterpart, Mr Joe Clark, on his arrival in Ottawa yesterday for a working visit.

Shevardnadze sees Canadian leaders

From John Best, Ottawa

Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, yesterday launched into a two-day round of talks with Canadian leaders on issues such as arms control and family reunification.

Mr Shevardnadze placed a wreath at the National War Memorial here, then drove to a Canadian Government retreat at Meach Lake, Quebec, for discussions with Mr Joe Clark, the Canadian External Affairs Minister.

The trip to Canada - Mr Shevardnadze's first - followed his visit to the United States which culminated in the freeing of the American journalist, Nicholas Daniloff. Arriving on Tuesday, Mr Shevardnadze said that Soviet-US relations had improved "a little bit" with the settle-

A capital free from terrorism

By Nicholas Beeston, and Christopher Follett in Copenhagen

Security against terrorism may have been the deciding factor in choosing Reykjavik as the location for this month's superpower pre-summit. Icelandic officials said yesterday.

Although emphasizing that Iceland has always been an attractive East-West venue because of its geographical position, situated almost halfway between Washington and Moscow, this week's decision could have been clinched because of the island's clean security record.

"To the best of our knowledge Mr Gorbachov suggested a number of European cities to be isolated in the middle of the North Atlantic may have attracted the superpower leaders.

Because of the string of terrorist attacks that have plagued European cities over the past 10 months, Iceland's isolation in the middle of the North Atlantic may have attracted the superpower leaders.

The country only has one point of entry, at Keflavik airport, situated next to the US Navy's Nato base. Security has already been increased there and in the capital.

The summit will be the first held between US and Soviet heads of state in a European country belonging to Nato. Even the Soviet Union's Foreign Minister, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, appeared to recognize the security value of Iceland, when he joked with reporters and said that he would feel "very safe" at the summit because of the "large US base".

The two leaders are to meet at the Hotel Saga, near the centre of the capital, where the 160 rooms have been booked.

Jews organize protest flight to Iceland

Dozens of Jews from Israel, Britain and the United States are planning to fly to Iceland for the preliminary superpower summit to protest against the plight of 400,000 Jews refused exit visas from the Soviet Union (Nicholas Beeston writes).

The Soviet Jewry Education and Information Centre in Jerusalem said the protesters, former "refuseniks", human rights activists and relatives of people still in the Soviet Union, would charter a plane to Reykjavik.

The summit falls just before the holiest day in the Jewish calendar, Yom Kippur, and the protesters will be accompanied by a rabbi for prayers.

Washington View

Joy and sorrow of Daniloff

Mr Nicholas Daniloff could never have imagined the momentous consequences of accepting that bundle of papers from Misha, the acquaintance set up by the KGB to trap the US reporter.

When he finally arrived home to a joyous welcome, he was a household name throughout America. His release was announced by President Reagan to a cheering crowd in deepest Missouri.

He was met at Frankfurt Airport by the US ambassador, and later received by President Reagan. His case took up hours and days of discussion and bargaining - in the Politburo, in the White House, between the superpowers' most senior ministers.

The Daniloff affair may have been the catalyst determining the timing and framework of two summit meetings that could eventually affect the lives and security of mankind.

For a self-effacing man, this extraordinary breach of the old adage that journalists should report news, not make it, must be both galling and exhilarating: galling because of his sorrow at the circumstances; exhilarating because, as he himself asked on the plane to Frankfurt:

"Why does the Government of the United States and 230 million Americans get excited about the outrageous kidnapping of a single American in Moscow? It is because in our country the individual is a precious thing."

But there is probably more to it than that. There is, in addition, the powerful memory of the Iran hostages, a lingering anger reinforced by the holding hostage last year of

American passengers on a hijacked TWA plane. Americans who have never been overseas, who know little of the complexities of their affairs, were outraged that yet another American was being held, unjustly and against his will. Moreover, he was being held by a country whose leaders were calling on the US to treat them with an agreement on nuclear weapons.

As Mr Reagan admitted, a summit in such circumstances would have been politically unacceptable here.

But beneath all the rejoicing that he is home, some small, angry voices are beginning to be heard. What about Terry Anderson, the news agency correspondent held hostage in

Beirut for well over a year? Or David Jacobsen, director of the American University Hospital in the Lebanese capital? Or any of the other hostages? Their families have pointed to the bitter contrast: Mr Daniloff, reasonably treated (at least physically) by the KGB, released to the US ambassador, the subject of presidential discussions and daily news coverage; Mr Anderson, probably kept in a cell more cramped and humiliating, under constant threat of death, forgotten by the press and apparently abandoned by officials in Washington with the excuse that "we do not negotiate with terrorists".

Mr Reagan was confronted with the disparity even as he announced the end of the Daniloff affair yesterday. "I understand the sorrow and grief of the families of the hostages," he said.

By Michael Binyon

On hostage-taking in the Middle East, the line is even tougher: any deal with Arab terrorists has to be resisted, whatever the cost to the hostages themselves - a line frequently preached by Israel and its powerful friends in this country.

The hostages' families are not convinced. Mr Anderson's sister said her brother would be home now if the same effort had been made to free him.

The bald fact is that while in each case the US is anxious to stand firm and avoid setting a precedent, it is easier to wrap up a package deal with Moscow than it is with guerrilla groups who want the release of fellow guerrillas in Arab and European jails.

And whereas a superpower summit was at stake with Mr Daniloff, the US has no pressing interest of its own to reach accommodation with the governments of Syria, Iran or Libya. Mr Anderson and his colleagues have no leverage back home.

Madrid lottery millionaire to fight abortion

Madrid - The winner of the biggest gambling prize ever paid out to an individual in Spain, more than \$24 million pesos (\$2.7 million), will dedicate part of his fortune "to helping women bring their children into the world, to avoid abortions" (Harry Debelius writes).

The fund was mentioned in a communique read out by a notary public who collected the huge cheque, made out simply to "the bearer", at the state-run lottery office here on behalf of his client.

Journalists ferreted out a few details: his last name is Lapuente, he is retired, aged about 70.

Congress compromise on defence spending

From Mohsina Ali, Washington

US Senate and House of Representatives negotiators have agreed to set overall 1987 military spending at \$291.1 billion (about £200 billion), about \$29 billion less than President Reagan's request, a senior House aide said.

The figure in effect split the difference between the spending levels approved by the

Sudan airlift delayed by mystery hitch

Khartoum (Reuters) - Last-minute snags grounded the Operation Rainbow relief airlift to starving people in south Sudan yesterday.

A statement read to reporters just over an hour before the scheduled takeoff of a chartered Indonesian C130 transport plane to the southern town of Juba cited "technical difficulties".

Pakistan to impose visa restriction

From Hasan Akhtar Islamabad

The Pakistan Foreign Office said yesterday that the Government would impose visa requirements for British visitors, to match the British Government decision to introduce the visa system for Pakistanis visiting Britain.

A spokesman said that the visa requirement for UK passport-holders would be introduced at about the same time as the British Government

Lebanon kidnap victim set free

Beirut (Reuters) - A kidnapped French television cameraman, M Jean-Marc Sroussi, aged 41, was freed yesterday, the French embassy said. M Sroussi was kidnapped on Sunday as he crossed by car from Christian east Beirut to the Muslim west.

No pardon for extremists

Jerusalem - No consideration is now being given to granting a presidential pardon to six Jewish "underground" members who are serving long terms of imprisonment for their part in terrorist attacks on Arabs and Arab targets (Ian Murray writes).

President Chaim Herzog has let it be known that payment demonstrations in support of the six are being counter-productive.

Police called in land row

Sao Paulo (Reuters) - About 600 Brazilian military police have been called in to maintain order in a land dispute in the southern state of Rio Grande do Sul.

The police are controlling more than 6,000 people - landless farmworkers and their families - to stop them illegally seizing land.

Emergency landing

Mojave, California (Reuters) - The experimental aircraft Voyager, designed by Burt Rutan, made an emergency landing on a final test flight after losing part of a propeller. The pilots, Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, were not hurt.

Kiss of death

Peking (Reuters) - A Chinese bridegroom, killed his new wife at a wedding reception with a kiss on the neck which was so passionate and long it caused heart palpitations.

Hail damage

Bern (AP) - A fierce August hailstorm caused more than \$50 million damage to about 40,000 cars, most of them in Geneva, Swiss insurance companies said.

Iran quake

Nicosia (AP) - The Iranian port of Bushehr in the Gulf was shaken by an earthquake measuring 4.1 on the Richter scale, but there were no immediate reports of casualties or damage.

Live corpse

Hong Kong (AP) - A woman aged 19 who had been certified dead was later found alive in a mortuary and was taken to a hospital, where she was declared dead for a second time.

Pilot held

Brussels (Reuters) - Zaire has detained the Cuban pilot of a Soviet-made MiG-21 fighter from Angola which crashed just inside Zaïrean territory.

Safe wine

Tokyo (Reuters) - West German wine producers, hit by falling sales in Japan because of a poison scare, will introduce bottle labels saying their wine is safe to drink.

Writer leaves

Kuala Lumpur (AFP) - John Berneise left here for Singapore after being expelled by the Government for allegedly posing a threat to national security.

Dock strike

New York (Reuters) - Atlantic coast dock workers from Virginia to Maine went on strike in a pay dispute.

New Speaker

Ottawa - The Canadian House of Commons elected Mr John Fraser, a Conservative from British Columbia, as a new Speaker in a secret ballot.

Warship visit

Washington (Reuters) - China and the United States have reached agreement for a visit by US warships to China.

Kenya swoop

Nairobi - The Kenyan authorities have confirmed that a large-scale round-up of Ugandans is taking place in Kenya, and many Ugandans trying to enter Kenya have been turned back.

Sandpit death

Madeira (Reuters) - Four men helping a neighbour build a house were killed here when a sandpit collapsed on them.

Art vandal

Amsterdam (Reuters) - A Dutch art lover who slashed beyond repair an American abstract painting valued at more than £1-million was jailed for eight months.

Britons held in Costa del Sol drugs inquiry

From Harry Debelius Madrid

Police arrested six Britons in a swoop on apartments in the Torremolinos area following months of investigation into drug shipments from the Costa del Sol to Britain, sources said yesterday.

Those held were identified as Mr James Richardson, aged 37, of London; Mr James Hicks, aged 44, of Baldock, Hertfordshire; Miss Julie Hills, aged 23, of Erith, Scotland; Mr Philip Bone, aged 38, of Guildford, Surrey; Mr Eric Coulter, aged 52, of Aberdeen; and Mr Alan Bassett, aged 38, of London, as well as two Spaniards.

Police allegedly confiscated 77 lb of hashish at the suspects' homes. The arrests bring to at least 15 the number of Britons picked up in drug cases on the Costa del Sol in one month:

Painted ladies gather to talk serious business

From Richard Owen Brussels

One hundred prostitutes from almost 20 countries descended on Brussels yesterday. But despite the painted cheeks and pink leather outfits they were not touring for business.

The girls - who prefer the term whores - converged not on the red light district but on the committee rooms of the European Parliament, where the Second World Whores Congress is being held until tomorrow with the backing of West German, Dutch and other Green MEPs.

The air was thick with double entendres. "Just a quickie," a hardened but amiable American hooker said to a baffled Italian journalist when he asked for an interview, and the Parliament's translators struggled with the rendering of esoteric phrases such as "turning a trick" into the nine official languages of the EEC.

But the emphasis is on serious issues: the law, feminism and health, including the risk of Aids. "Listen honey," said Margo St James, head of the International Committee for Prostitutes' Rights (ICPR), "we want prostitution decriminalized, we want the stigma removed, and we want being a whore to be a legitimate and safe business like any other."

Some MEPs want quite the reverse, however, and a number of British Conservative members objected strongly to the use of European Parliament buildings and resources. Mrs Margaret Daly, Conservative MEP for Somerset and Dorset West, described the whores' congress as "judicious" and the use of public money as "disgusting". Male MEPs came in for earthy ridicule when they objected, however, with one of the Green group of MEPs observing that some "don't mind having whores in their beds, but don't want them in the corridors of power".

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'You will have to get rid of me first'

# Botha pledges to keep separate schools and homes for his lifetime

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

President Botha of South Africa said yesterday that compulsory racial segregation of residential areas and state schools would not be abolished in his lifetime.

"You will have to get rid of me before you get rid of this principle," he told delegates at the Cape provincial congress of the ruling National Party in East London.

Mr Botha, aged 70, was addressing the congress, which began on Monday evening and ended yesterday, on a series of highly conservative motions calling for retention of the Group Areas Act.

This is the basic legislation which enforces racial separation of residential areas, and such facilities as schools and hospitals. The Government does not regard the Act as discriminatory, arguing that it guarantees "self-determination" for each racial group.

Mr Botha described the Act as a cornerstone of the Government's "minority population policy" — a reference to the official view that South

Africa's inhabitants are made up of different minorities, among which the whites come second in number to Zulus. Although Bantu-speaking blacks constitute 70 per cent of the population, there is no such thing as a black majority, according to Pretoria. To sustain this argument, blacks are sub-divided on tribal lines, while whites are mostly treated as a single group.

Under existing legislation, it was possible in special cases for individuals of one race group to be permitted to live in areas set aside for members of another. Mr Botha said, but he was against allowing the development of mixed areas.

He argued that if people were free to live wherever they could afford a house, low-income white and mixed-race Coloured areas would become slums.

"I am pleading for the poor when I plead for the retention of community life," he declared.

What Mr Botha appeared to be saying was that poorer

white and Coloured areas could be swamped by blacks if the Group Areas Act were abolished, whereas wealthy white areas would be beyond the financial means of all but a few black businessmen.

A report on the future of the Group Areas Act is expected soon from the President's Council, an advisory group, which is thought to favour the development of racial "grey areas".

In contrast to his remarks on residential areas, Mr Botha said he had never regarded the Separate Amenities Act, which segregates many public facilities from lavatories to buses, as practical legislation.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis Le Grange, surprised delegates by saying that black and Coloured townships were so decrepit and squalid that it was "no wonder they want to throw stones whenever they see a policeman".

Security measures had to be accompanied by "social upliftment," he said.



Colonel Amira Dotan, aged 39, commander of the Israeli Army's Women's Corps, who will be promoted to brigadier-general to coincide with the Jewish New Year tomorrow. Colonel Dotan will be the first Israeli woman to become a general (Renter reports from

Tel Aviv). Colonel Dotan's promotion is expected to set a precedent for the advancement of other women who, so far, have been unable to get beyond the rank of colonel. "It's an historical event," the Army spokeswoman said.

# \$1.4bn war on drugs approved by Senate

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The Senate has overwhelmingly approved a \$1.4 billion (2950 million) anti-drug Bill, a bipartisan measure that reflects the growing political importance of the drugs issue.

The Bill sharply increases penalties for drug dealing and clears the way for military involvement in intercepting drug runners.

But even with the universal approval for a tougher stand on drugs, the Senate could not agree on how to pay for the Bill's provisions. The House of Representatives has passed a \$3 billion anti-drug Bill, and the two measures must now be reconciled.

There is little profound difference between them, other than the cost, but Congress cannot agree on where the money should come from.

The Senate Bill was approved by 97 to two, but only after adopting a non-binding resolution not to cut other programmes to pay for the war on drugs.

There is clearly little or no sentiment on Capitol Hill for raising taxes to pay for it. Indeed, some senators are threatening to block the Bill if it means further cuts in social programmes.

Both Senate and House versions provide for education, treatment and local law enforcement, and measures to fight "designer drugs" and the laundering of drug money.

# Evidence in 'dingo' inquiry running in mother's favour

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

It has taken a long time, but Australia seems to be coming round to the view that the disappearance of baby Azaria Chamberlain may, after all, have been caused by a dingo, or wild dog, rather than her mother.

The reopened inquiry into this country's most celebrated criminal case has heard evidence in the past two days which contradicts crucial forensic science data responsible for convicting Mrs Lindy Chamberlain of her baby's murder, for which she was sentenced to life imprisonment.

The weight of evidence produced so far at the inquiry has been running so strongly in Mrs Chamberlain's favour that an observer coming fresh to the case might be forgiven for wondering how she could ever have been found guilty.

A majority are coming to suspect that a minority have long claimed: that she was the victim of a terrible miscarriage of justice.

In the latest evidence, given over the past two days, a forensic scientist testified that a substance found in the Chamberlain's car was not a spray of baby's blood from a punctured artery, but a bite-based substance applied to the car during manufacture.

The significance of this is that while the Crown never produced a body, a weapon or a motive its central hypothesis at the trial was that Mrs Chamberlain slashed Azaria's throat in the front seat of the car and that a spray pattern found under the dashboard was produced by blood.

Mr Anthony Raymond, the latest of a line of forensic scientists involved in the case, said he had found an evidence of blood in the car. His tests had been applied to samples identified as foetal blood at the trial by Mrs Jny Kuhl, another

forensic scientist, whose evidence is regarded as having been crucial to Mrs Chamberlain's conviction.

This new testimony will only add to the endless controversy surrounding the disappearance of Azaria from the Chamberlain family tent on the night of August 17, 1980.

Mrs Chamberlain has always insisted on her innocence, maintaining that she saw a dingo emerge from the tent carrying Azaria in its jaws. The baby has not been seen since.

While a small, vociferous group of supporters has campaigned on Mrs Chamberlain's behalf ever since, it was not until she had been in prison for three years that they had cause to feel encouraged.

Earlier this year the discovery in the bush of a baby's jacket, identified as the one worn by Azaria when she disappeared, led to Mrs Chamberlain's release pending a Royal Commission headed by a judge.

Testimony so far has supported the contention that a dingo was capable of carrying away the baby, and that instances of dingo attacks on children have been recorded. Aboriginal trackers, who were not called at the trial, have said they found dingo tracks in the vicinity of the tent.

Another witness who was not called at the trial said that within half an hour after Azaria was said to have been killed Mrs Chamberlain conducted him to the car and opened the front door.

The point made by her counsel is that she was not likely to have taken anyone to the scene so soon after her alleged crime and that the witness saw no sign of blood on the seat.

The inquiry is expected to continue until December.

# Civil rights hit by appeal judgment

From Our Own Correspondent, Johannesburg

Civil rights in South Africa, and the role of the courts in defending them, have suffered a severe setback as a result of a ruling on Tuesday by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, which upheld the validity of two emergency regulations providing for summary arrest and detention.

The ruling, against which there is no further judicial appeal, overturned a judgment by the Durban and Coast local division of the Supreme Court on August 11, which found that the regulations conferred powers on the police so sweeping that Parliament could not have intended them.

Scores of emergency detainees were set free, and applications for the release of thousands of others were being prepared when, in a separate case on August 14, the Natal provincial division of the Supreme Court in Pietermaritzburg handed down a diametrically opposed judgment.

The Appellate Division, the highest judicial body in the land, has now ruled in favour of the Pietermaritzburg interpretation of the law, and in so doing appears to have put the emergency arrest and detention provisions beyond any challenge in the courts.

This means that the thousands of detainees who had hoped for release will remain in jail. The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis Le Grange, who welcomed the Appellate Division's verdict as a boost for public confidence in the law, has not yet said whether already freed detainees will be re-arrested.

One of the regulations upheld by the Appellate Division permits any member of the police or Army to arrest without warrant, and detain without trial for up to 14 days, any person who "in the opinion of such member" is a threat to public order or safety "or that person himself".

The other permits the Minister of Law and Order, "without notice to any person, by written notice signed by him and addressed to the head of

the prison", to order any person detained under the first regulation to be held beyond 14 days for as long as the emergency lasts.

A senior lawyer involved in the Durban case said yesterday: "This is a serious setback. It shows that in the end, without a proper Bill of Rights, protected by the courts, the executive has enormous, and almost unlimited, powers to make inroads into the liberty of the individual."

The headline "Blame the laws, not the courts" appeared yesterday over editorial comment in *The Star* of Johannesburg, which declared: "Legal loopholes which the courts may find in the emergency regulations represent, at best, minor ameliorations of a harsh system."

In South Africa, laws passed by Parliament cannot be tested in the courts, whose role is limited to interpreting the intention of Parliament, where there is possible ambiguity.

Recently, the courts have been much more active in exploiting this limited room for manoeuvre.

The same situation applies in Britain, with the crucial difference that the racially-structured South African Parliament is controlled effectively by the white House of Assembly, which represents only 15 per cent of the population but can impose its will without limit on the other 85 per cent.

The power to declare a state of emergency is conferred on President Botha by the Public Safety Act of 1953, which permits him to take such measures as he considers expedient and necessary to maintain order and safety.

Lawyers have tried to show that the Public Safety Act does not give Mr Botha unlimited powers. The Appellate Division, in effect, has declared that in the matter of arrest and detention, the President's powers are indeed without limit for practical purposes and that this was the intention of Parliament.

# Mourners' strikes halt mines

Johannesburg (Reuter) —

Almost half of South Africa's black miners stopped work yesterday in a massive show of solidarity to mourn 17 men killed in the country's worst gold mine disaster last month, an independent monitoring group said.

A spokesman for the Labour Monitoring Group reported that about 300,000 of the 650,000 miners went on strike with 100 per cent absenteeism at some mines.

Mr Marcel Golding, publicity secretary for the black National Union of Mine-workers (NUM), hailed it as an unparalleled show of strength by black union members.

He said that no black employees reported for work at gold and coal mines in the Evander area, 65 miles east of Johannesburg, where the men died from poisonous fumes at the Kinross gold mine.

The miners, all but five of them black, died when a fire caused toxic fumes to flood through tunnels deep underground. The NUM blamed slack safety measures for the deaths and called in overseas mining experts to make a separate inquiry.

But Mr Golding said the Kinross mine's owners, General Mining Union Corporation Ltd (Gencor), had not allowed them down the mine until last Monday.

"That was 13 days after we requested permission and is obviously not satisfactory," he said. The experts had not completed their reports.

A Gencor spokesman said that about 70 per cent of its 97,000 gold mines workforce and about half of its 14,000 coal miners failed to report for work. The Anglo American Corporation said that 150,000 of its 180,000 workers were absent.

Gun battle deaths: Police reported yesterday that they had killed two suspected terrorists of the outlawed African National Congress (ANC) in a gun battle in northern Natal province on Tuesday (AFP reports).

# Virgin Islands leader re-elected

Road Town, British Virgin Islands (Reuter) — The former Chief Minister, Mr Cyril Romney, was re-elected to the legislative council of this British colony in general elections on Monday.

The elections followed the dissolution of the council in

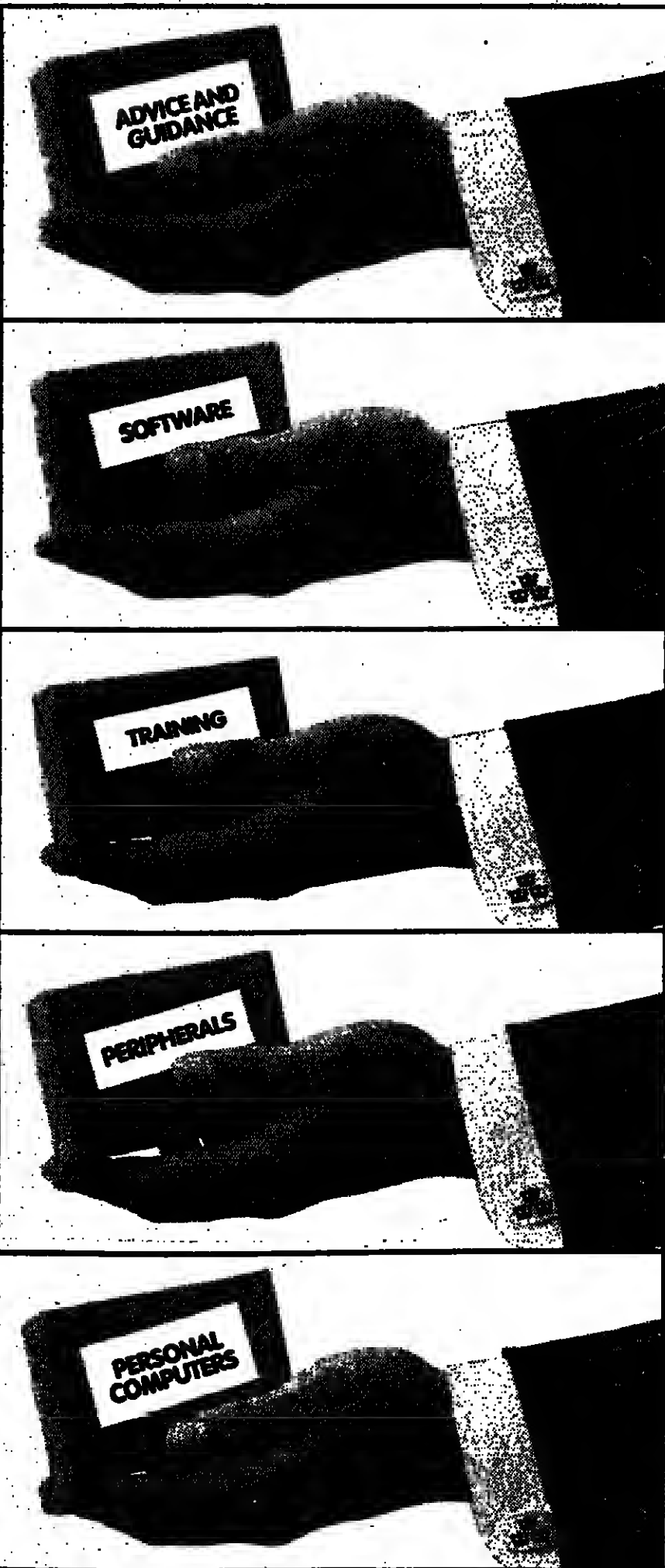
August by the Governor, Mr David Barwick, six days before it was to debate a no-confidence motion in Mr Romney.

The Opposition had called for his resignation because of his alleged connections with a company that was being in-

vestigated by Scotland Yard and the US Drug Enforcement Agency in connection with the laundering of drug trafficking money.

Mr Romney, who ran as an independent, was not implicated in any wrongdoing.

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# Stars hit the anti-pollution trail

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

It is not easy to put glamour into toxic waste. But by the time California voters go to the polls on November 4 to decide whether to approve Proposition 65, an environmentalist measure designed to crack down on polluters in the state, the issue will have received a remarkable amount of exposure.

Last weekend about 42 top names in Hollywood crossed California in a Greyhound bus to try to persuade voters to pass the anti-toxic measure.

For almost three days Jane Fonda, Peter Fonda, Chevy Chase, the comedian, Michael J. Fox, the Emmy-winning actor, Whoopi Goldberg, an Oscar-nominee, and many more stars matched their show business glitter against the ability of corporate and agricultural opponents of the proposition.

They stopped in nine cities, mingling in shopping centre, hotel lobbies, college campuses and even rock 'n' roll parties in an effort to combat the millions of dollars being poured in by big business to defeat the measure.

Toxic waste is generally regarded as a yuppie issue. So, in order to overcome that, supporters of the proposition organized the celebrity caravan to get the message across in heartland California.

"P. T. Barnum once said the way to get people to come to the circus is to get the biggest elephant and the big-

gest bass drum," noted Charles Haid, the *Hill Street Blues* television actor. "That is what we are doing. That is what we are best at."

The proposition, sponsored by environmentalists and Democratic political leaders,



Jane Fonda: taking waste campaign to the people.

seeks to restrict the discharge of toxic chemicals into drinking water, to increase the penalties for polluters and to allow citizens to enforce the law by taking court action.

The toxic issue is also crucial to Republican Governor George Deukmejian's re-election campaign in California. When Governor Deukmejian first took office he said he planned to get tough with polluters.

But his opponents, including Mr Tom Bradley, the

Mayor of Los Angeles, say the Governor's efforts have been puny.

A *Los Angeles Times* survey this week showed that California's hazardous waste clean-up and enforcement programme is in turmoil and that all six privately-run dumps, licensed by the Deukmejian administration, are leaking and fail to meet US Government rules for safe disposal.

A senior US Government environmental official described California's toxic bureaucracy as paralysed.

The Governor's regime claims it is doing its best but says it inherited a great deal of the toxic chaos from the previous Governor, Mr Edmund Brown, a Democrat.

Not since show business luminaries hit the road for war bond rallies in the 1940s has there been such a large celebrity turnout.

The famous faces have drawn large audiences wherever they go, and many of the stars promise to campaign until election eve.

Their message is a harsh one.

"I want to be able to drink the water without risking my life or the lives of my children," Miss Fonda told a cheering crowd at one stop.

Miss Goldberg, star of the film *The Color Purple*, said: "The bottom line is your children are going to die if we don't do something."



# Pan Am jumbo hijackers 'had plan to blow it up in mid-air'

Islamabad (AP) — The four gunmen who seized a Pan American Airways jumbo jet in Karachi last month were on a suicide mission and may have been planning to blow up the plane in mid-air, a Pakistani official said yesterday.

A Foreign Office spokesman said the investigation into the hijacking of the Boeing 747 on September 5 revealed evidence that the terrorists intended to destroy the plane and kill about 400 passengers and crew members once they were airborne.

The hijackers, disguised as airport security guards, seized the plane on the tarmac at Karachi airport as it was loading passengers before taking off for Frankfurt and New York. The three-man flight crew escaped at the start of the incident, immobilizing the aircraft.

The 17-hour hijacking ended after the plane's lights failed and the terrorists detonated hand grenades and opened fire on the passengers with automatic weapons, witnesses said. Twenty passengers died.

The spokesman said the evidence of the hijackers' intentions justified the

Government's decision not to give them a flight crew.

"If their demands had been met it would have resulted in the loss of all of the lives of the passengers," he said.

The spokesman said many questions are still unanswered because the alleged hijackers were maintaining "a hard silence," deliberately misleading interrogators.

The men had reconciled themselves to dying, and appeared indifferent to the death sentences they face if convicted, he said, adding: "The hijackers have a rather suicidal approach to the whole issue."

The spokesman said it has been established that the four men entered Pakistan on false passports from Bahrain and other unspecified Gulf nations, and that others had preceded them to obtain weapons and information used in the hijacking. He said a fifth man, identified as Salman Taraki, arrested after the incident, appeared to be linked to the hijacking.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has arrested Captain Abdus Salam, a Libyan pilot, but refused to say whether he was an accomplice

# The safety of the long-distance runners



Security guards, some of the 20,000 brought in for the Asian Games in South Korea, lining the route of the women's marathon in Seoul yesterday. The organizers and Government are taking no chances with terrorism: 100,000 police and troops are on full alert during the event. Games report, page 36.

# Spanish police face corruption inquiry

From Richard Wigg Madrid

The insensitivity shown by the Spanish Socialist Government over the case of "El Nani", a Madrid criminal who "disappeared" while undergoing police interrogation almost three years ago, led yesterday to the Opposition announcing that it was putting the matter before Spain's ombudsman.

If Professor Joaquín Ruiz Jiménez, a highly-respected lawyer who was chosen by all parties in Parliament as Spain's first Defender of the People in 1982, agrees, he has the chance to examine allegations of a widespread network of police corruption, going beyond abusive use of Spain's anti-terrorism laws, to make common criminals "sing".

He will be forced to look into charges against a dozen police commissioners and inspectors that they used criminals to commit bank robberies, and benefited from the subsequent selling-off of most of the booty.

Several of the commissioners and inspectors, who belonged to the Bilbao, Santander or Madrid anti-robbery squads, have been suspended from their duties while being investigated by fellow police chiefs and investigating magistrates.

But the judicial inquiry, reopening earlier police investigations which were mysteriously closed, is obviously making heavy weather of it.

In a second development yesterday, it emerged that one magistrate working on the case, with a reputation for trying to get to the bottom of things, has been transferred from Madrid to a quiet backwater.

Spaniards have been hearing for weeks from the media, which first disclosed the full seriousness of the "Nani" case, of ugly suspicions that the Government of Señor Felipe González, which won the 1982 elections with a programme which included a promise to give special attention to citizens' rights, including habeas corpus, has gradually fallen into permitting Franco-style police methods, including torture, to continue.

Diario 16 and El País have demanded that Spain's Interior Minister, Señor José Barrionuevo, should take some kind of action, carefully emphasizing that the need to fight terrorism is not the issue. What is at stake, they suggest, is whether Spain has its first case of an Argentine-style *desaparecido*.

But when he answered questions in Parliament last week, Señor Barrionuevo confined himself to admitting: "It is possible they have put a good past me." He was using a sporting image to explain how the police investigating "El Nani" had obtained his permission to use the anti-terrorism laws, which allow suspected terrorists, but not common criminals, to be held for up to 10 days.

The body of "El Nani" has never been recovered by his family, who started legal proceedings in 1984, maintaining that he was tortured to death. The police version has always been that he escaped while being taken to examine stolen goods.

# Anti-US protest jams Panama traffic

Panama City (Reuters) — Pro-government demonstrators held up traffic on a road in front of the US Embassy on the second day of anti-American protests here.

The demonstrators were protesting against a call from the US Senate last week for a CIA investigation of reports linking the Panamanian military to drugs and arms trafficking and human rights abuses.

After a seven-hour debate that included harsh anti-American statements, the Legislative Assembly passed a resolution condemning the US for its "clear violation of the principle of non-intervention".

President Eric Arturo Delvalle and his 12-member Cabinet signed a similar resolution, which was later delivered to the office of the US Ambassador, Mr Arthur Davis.

# Rebel plea rejected by Aquino

From Keith Dalton Manila

President Aquino yesterday rejected demands from Communist rebels for the release of Mr Rodolfo Salas, who is said to be the chairman of the banned party. The President was warned that the arrest on Monday of Mr Salas, and his continued military detention, could jeopardize peace efforts.

All troops were put on alert yesterday amid military fears that the capture of the Philippines' left-wing leader could spark reprisals.

The arrest of Mr Salas was a "normal police operation" and should not halt the two-month-old peace negotiations, Mr Teodoro Benigno, the press secretary, said.

Lawyers of the National Democratic Front, a left-wing alliance discussing peace terms with the Government, have demanded the release of Mr Salas because he is "actively and directly" involved in the talks to end the 17-year insurgency.

But Mrs Aquino rejected the former claim. According to Mr Benigno, Mr Salas was not one of the accredited negotiators and therefore could not claim immunity.

The armed forces chief, General Fidel Ramos, ordered troops into rugged mountain terrain in the southern Philippines yesterday to rescue 50 tribesmen who were kidnapped on Sunday by Communist rebels and made to work on a remote communal farm in the southern Philippines.

General Ramos ordered rescue operation.

# Malaysia expels reporter

Kuala Lumpur (Reuters) — A judge yesterday rejected an appeal by an *Asian Wall Street Journal* reporter against a government order expelling him from Malaysia, and said he must leave immediately.

The correspondent, John Berthelsen, aged 48, said that the Acting Chief Justice, Datuk Harun Hashim, rejected his appeal in chambers.

The Home Ministry last

Friday banned sales of the paper in Malaysia for three months, and said it had decided to take action after studying unspecified articles.

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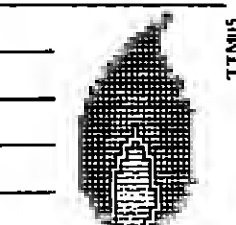
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# Where enterprise is a labour of love



It is perhaps hard to believe that in the biggest communist-controlled country on earth there are almost nine million privately-run small businesses. Brian James looks at the philosophy behind an insatiable thirst for success. Pictures by Graham Wood

## Part 3: The road to riches

Ten miles from the centre of Peking, 100 yards from the nearest house, a woman sat at the roadside, an ancient sewing machine between her knees. Awaiting a lift? No, that's her place of business said the guide.

The chances of someone cycling past with a rent in his trousers and the time and yuan to pay for a repair would not rate highly with even a listening bank as a business venture worth backing. But there, says Zhang Xiaobin, we westerners have it wrong. He is president of China Venturetech Investment Corporation, set up with 40 million US dollars to lure our money into his nation's business life.

Harvard-trained Mr Zhang declares: "China is an untapped ocean of entrepreneurial talent. The man who sells rolls on sticks from a barrow and, yes, your lady with the sewing machine have the capacity in the China of today to become industrial giants."

is the motivating force in China today. The scale of China's charge into the entrepreneurial age is staggering. But so consequently is the failure rate. In the first six months of this year 190,000 businesses ceased to exist, the one-man-and-a-dog size of most of them being made clear by the total of only 210,000 employees consequently being made jobless. However, that still left 8.7 million small businesses carrying on at the end of the first decade of self-made men.

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### NO CUDDLING

Roll out the barrel: the first notes of this British oldie sounded at 7.30pm on the floor, and within 10 seconds the door of the Jin Yuan ballroom club was packed. As it is four nights a week, with a strictly-counted crowd of 150 couples present.

There is no smoking, no drinking and precious little chatter. The dance is the thing. Not a lot of "Nin jingchang lai ma" (come here often?) And even less "may I walk you home?" A nodded agreement to meet in the same hall next week would be counted a courting coup in a hall where cuddles are out.

From strict-tempo 1950s numbers the pace quickened to a little rudimentary jive as the 10pm shutdown neared. But, while being so evidently enjoyed in its simple earnest way, the dancing was wooden, as though learnt from a book, or a half-remembered scene from a film. In Shanghai, it's reversed: now that's innovation.

### CHINESE CHEER

Chinese wine was once described with graphic accuracy as tasting like melted boiled sweets. But it is getting better. One place to find out was the vineyard at Beijing. The sign on the gate was "Sino-French Joint Venture Ltd."



Open all hours: a customer waits on a stall while a cobbler at the kerbside repairs shoes and bags; just one of China's 8.7 million entrepreneurs

Admired the grapes. A Chinese type. We admired the cleanliness of Mr Chen's plumbing, the skill of his bottlers and packers, that his 26 staff turned out 600,000 bottles a year, and were thus an elite earning £40 a month. And that 55 per cent of the wine now went for export. But surely if the wine was still being made in the old traditional way, and for Chinese taste... Mr Chen allowed that the French experts had shown them some new tricks.

Could he tell us about the tasting, we said, miming the sipping, swishing and spitting routine. Mr Chen sniffed at the ideas of such a primitive testing system. His machine, he said, always got the taste right. As increasingly it does. The French-connected Dynasty Extra Dry is actually potable. Elsewhere in China, German and Italian viniculturists are rooting in the soil; Manchurian Moselle is a real prospect

### SURVIVOR'S TALE

Kong Fan Ping did not really expect to survive unscathed when the cultural revolution of Mao was unleashed. He was, after all, a physicist and therefore a proven intellectual. He was also related to one of China's four richest pre-war families. And he was also a 76th generation descendant of a man called Kong Fusi. Whom we, in

the West, remember as Confucius. He took into his first exile, on a remote farm, his famous ancestor's respect for intellect and a determination not to allow his mind to wither as he tended pigs. The only printed matter available in the commune was a pile of patterns. Using them as a starting point he taught himself to be a tailor. "I think I became quite expert. But it was the use of the mind which was important; the mechanics of building a suit are quite fascinating."

"The name of Confucius was hard to bear at those times. Much of premier Chou's teaching and writing was parallel in thought to that of Confucius; thus it was easy for Mao to attack Chou obliquely by disgracing the words of my ancestor. Mr Kong survived the cultural revolution to be reinstated and even sent briefly to study in Britain. He remembers most vividly, he says politely, the waste. "If in Britain a machine does not work, you push it aside and take another. In China even the most senior researcher must be prepared to start a day by replacing a fuse. There is usually only one machine. If it breaks you must repair it."

Mr Kong seems astonishingly unembittered by his ordeal under Mao. "We confirmed that China is strong enough to survive the cultural revolution. Just as it will survive the bad parts of the commercial revolution which happens now. I believe Deng (China's new leader) will be judged by history as a man vastly more influential than Mao." But not quite the most famous Chinese of all time, Kong Fan Ping smiled.



Love in bloom. The man who laid out Peking's Ritan Park was an artist. The lake and island in the centre is a scene from a willow pattern plate. But trying to sketch what the lovers walking hand-in-hand over the bridges intend would attract the attention of the Porn Squad. Privacy in Peking's thin-wall housing blocks is impossible; the parks have become the place to make love.

The island, with its artificial mountain riddled with caves, is a sought-out spot. Late-comers have to make do with hideouts in the bushes. There is a code: two entwined bicycles mean "kindly keep your distance". It is not so much legal as allowed: provided, that is, you are married and have the lines to prove it. Otherwise it's wise to leave dalliance over the bridge of sighs to the Plate People.

### ART AND CRAFT

Li Lang became an artist because his father was afraid he would become a hoodlum. There was no point in going to school, the Red Guards ran the place. "To stop me running the streets behind the gangs looking for intellectuals to denounce, he taught me to draw and paint."

"Later I went to school to study art. The Chinese way, which means when you paint a flower you begin like this. Number one stroke. Always. No variation. Not permitted. Then stroke number two. There is therefore no content or emotion in Chinese art. I learned to draw cubes, planes, faces with great precision. But nothing of feeling."

"It was as dead in its way as the time of the cultural revolution. Then all the influences that had come into Chinese art from the 1920s perspective, light and shade were banned. There was no access to what books remained unburnt, and it was dangerous to seek them. Even the 1950s Russian influence, all those heroic workers and peasants marching behind the flags, were abandoned."

Li is now one of Peking's small but growing band of experimental artists. "My group are fascinated by what we hear from the West. But also frightened. We do not want to get swamped by your ideas. Just invigorated by them. I work as a stage designer. That too is pretty useless. Again tradition is everything. You start with line one, just so long so broad. I am bored. Soon I must give up. But that too is freedom not to be state artist. Making many, many, birds and flowers on screens for tourists. It is easy to make money as an artist in China. Harder to make a name, which is what I want."

### TEE CEREMONIES

A little lady named Li watched dispassionately as a Japanese machine salesman booked his four-wheeled high into the fairway on the left. She scuttled into the bush and within seconds returned his Penfold No 2. She knew exactly where to look, but then until a while ago that was where she grew wheat and a sort of turnip. China's first post-Liberation golf course opened two months ago. Miss Li is very happy to be a caddy. She gets a smart primrose uniform, a sunhat like a beekeeper's and twice as much (£15 a month) finding Penfolds as she did hoeing turnips. After a month's training she no longer giggles when a putt is missed.

Miss Li is slightly superstitious about the fact that the Japanese-owned Beijing golf course is sited in the valley once sacred to the memory of the Ming emperors buried there. Few Chinese will wrestle with their consciences, contemplating membership: a single round on this pleasant and dramatically-sited course costs £60, say three months' gross salary for an office worker.

### TOMORROW

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**Platform for memories**

The youthful years of elderly people are being revived on stage by a band of travelling players

Charles Wegner could have been in Ontario this autumn with Michael Bogdanov and the Royal Shakespeare Company, examining the finer points of Henry V's Agincourt speech. Instead, he is in Blackheath with a 66-year-old retired Co-Op roundsman, Bill Welch, learning how a bread boy went about his business 50 years ago.

Wegner, ex-RSC and ex-National Theatre, passed up the chance to tour Canada so that he could be "Bert" in the Age Exchange Theatre's new production, *My First Job*, which began a two-month national tour last week.

"I saw one of the earlier productions - *Fifty Years Ago* - and one old fellow jumped up shouting: 'That's my life! Why doesn't anyone know about that?'"

He is the newest recruit in a cast of four professional actors who will be performing.

mainly to elderly audiences, plays about these old people's own young lives, taken from their own accounts and wrapped up in a storyline by Pam Schweitzer, Age Exchange's founder and artistic director.

"I'd always wanted to try and bring the theatre into education, but it occurred to me that when I let old people tell their stories, they felt much better. It was a therapy," she said. "Then I thought that, because they were such good story-tellers, the next stop would be to make a play out of what they remembered."

Age Exchange Theatre is financed by grants from charities and two London boroughs, Greenwich and Lewisham, and by the modest fees collected for each presentation. With each production - there have been seven to date - comes a book, sold for between £2 and £3, which is a verbatim account of the stories which make up the plays, and there are exhibitions of the photographs collected by Pam Schweitzer.

A new spin-off is a more intensely therapeutic scheme, the Reminiscence Project. Twenty-three voluntary workers visit mentally and physically frail old people in hospitals and nursing homes, getting them to act out scenes from their past. "We realized that it seemed to make old people come out of that dreadful depression many suffer," said Schweitzer.

Having collected the old people's memories, fashioned a script and worked out set design ideas, there is a session with those who have provided their pasts as material, Jean Bacham, 74, shows how she made collars when she was a "tailoress", and how she cleaned a fire-grate; Iris Gange, 66, demonstrates the Black Bottom as she performed it as a 1930s showgirl.

Meanwhile, musical arranger Paula Gardiner needs to know the kind of songs they were singing. "O, Mama, I Want to Marry a Baker's Boy" - and designer Becky Price has to know what products were advertised, what would appear above a shop window - "Did it actually say 'Labour Exchange'?"

"The detail is so right, they take so much care," said Jean Bacham. "Watching one of these shows brings back so many things. It goes right through you."

**Simon Tait**  
Age Exchange Theatre is based at 15 Cunden Row, Blackheath, London SE3 (01-318 9105).

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Fiona MacCarthy on another Big Figure of history

BELOVED EMMA The Life of Emma Lady Hamilton By Flora Fraser

ence; and, scarcely less effective, the very first arrival of the British fleet and Nelson in the Bay of Naples where he spends the night, becalmed, in the shadow of Vesuvius, before being received by Lady Hamilton. It is strong in innuendoes of advancing sexual power.

Lady Longford and descendants are tireless explorers, rather in the manner of the Nineteenth-Century English lady travellers. In her memoirs, Lady Longford explains how she imported her own canvas camp chair, of the sort you take on picnics, to the Windsor Royal Archives to sit on while researching Queen Victoria's journals on her lap.

Flora Fraser, in her peregrinations around Naples, also has at least a metaphorical camp stool in her baggage. She is a researcher of the old school, dogged, thorough, returning to her base with an enormous haul of facts. The only problem is - and it is quite a massive problem, not totally resolved, I think, in any Longford volume - it is difficult to balance such an outpouring of facts with a human interest story. The interesting humans quite soon tend to get submerged.

It is frequently a case of "beads-must-roll-but-where?", the classic Longford sentence in volume 2 of Wellington, in which the author, showing signs of desperation, attempts to get the narrative back onto the rails. Flora Fraser is sensitive to the endemic dangers of her inherited profession of life-and-times historian, the all too real likelihood of missing out on life while you do your stint on background, and losing sight of times while you concentrate on people. Like her predecessors she puts her faith in chapter titles to keep her readers in the right direction. "Sur-



prising Transformations". "A Cruise with Consequences". Authentic Longfordese with a small touch of Barbara Cartland. Longford chapter-titling merits a short history itself. The style of this book can be alarmingly uncertain, veering from the grimly academic to the Sloany. Scarcely a page passes without the word "adored". Dauntingly exact accounts of royal genealogy rub shoulders (or cross swords) with the worst historian's clichés: continents in states of flux, near Parisian eras dawdling. There are snatches of that favourite old style Longfordian Lyric.

In the spring, Rome beckoned as it does to all those today who know the marvellous charm of the wistarias falling in rich clusters over its wall. There is also some impossible Listen-with-Mother language, as in the descriptions of Emma's famous Attitudes, marvelled at by all the famous visitors to Naples. Let us take our seats beside Goethe and settle to watch the show as he describes it. It is very unrelaxing. Is this history or bunk? More to the point perhaps is the whole question of whether this is

amateur history or professional. No one seems quite certain, from Lady Longford onwards, if these books are being written for the Regius Professors or an audience more or less strayed in from Madame Tussaud's. This is not the brilliant book its publishers suggested. No book could be quite that. But it has a lot of promise, and one hopes that next time round Flora Fraser will take herself more seriously, shed the Longford longeurs, as indeed her mother managed. At present, like Nelson in the Bay of Naples, she still seems a bit immobile, anchored down, becalmed.

A romance with a view in Florence

FICTION

Philip Howard

INNOCENCE By Penelope Fitzgerald Collins, £9.95

PERFUME By Patrick Suskind Translated by John E. Woods Hamish Hamilton, £9.95

PERFECT ENGLISH By Paul Piekerling Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £9.95

Penelope Fitzgerald's romantic comedy is set in Italy in the 1930s, with the English as spear carriers at the edge of things. It happens in and around the hubble city of Florence, with excursions to the harsh South, to a convent school in Berkshire, and darkest Chelsea, and trips backwards in time to visit the dying Gramsci and take in a bit of recent Italian history. To the non-Italian, not to the maniera born, the Italians seem convincing people, most unEnglish, but with touches of nature that make the whole world kin.

Chiara is the innocent only daughter of a decayed Florentine Count, with a dilapidated villa looking down on the great bubble, Barney, her best friend from the Berkshire convent, is a jolly-hockey-sticks Sloane who is supposed to be worldly-wise about men. Dr Salvatore Rossi, a local neurologist, is working-class from the South, and an angry young man. Chiara and Salvatore fall in love like a flash of lightning, and the main plot is what is to be done about it, in spite of Barney's help, and the complexities of the Italian class system. The moral of the grotesque legend of the stone Dwarfs on top of Chiara's family villa is that trying to make other people happy is not only difficult, but usually a disaster.

There is Fitzgerald domestic wit about dotty relations, and a couple of ghastly expatriate Brituscans. There is a sharp little comedy around the wedding at the family's country estate. And there are the whimsical perceptions you would expect: Florentines know their city's paintings in the same way that English children grow up with and know their domestic animals. The book is a moving as well as a witty account not just of Italians in love, but of loving and living for all humans.

Perfume is a different kettle of stinking fish: a sort of Inferno of the nose and olfactory Mein Kampf, reeking with symbolism about the darkness of the soul, and parables about totalitarianism. In 1738 in Paris a fishwife gives birth to a baby in a pile of fish guts. Her baby, called Grenouille, survives somehow into a hellish life,

with one remarkable defect and one remarkable gift. The defect is that he possesses no body smell. But his powers of scent are as those of a Hyperion of hounds to those of a saury with a cold. He can follow a scent ten miles away; his nose can instantly analyse the thousand smells of reeking Paris.

This genius of scent becomes a sorcerer's apprentice of perfume, and then the greatest perfumer that the world has ever smelled. Unfortunately, in making up for the heart of non-smelling darkness in himself, he decides to capture the concentrated essence of the greatest perfume he knows: the smell of budding virgins, preferably red-headed. This essence gives him a power stronger than the money or the power of terror or the power of death: the invincible power to command the love of mankind. This hyped book is strong stuff: disgusting in parts powerful in parts, a stinkeroo in parts. I thought in parts it was jolly silly.

Perfect English is the name of a Californian God squad, promoting liberation theology in Nicaragua for the Sandys. Johnny Morgan, wimp just down from Cambridge, comes out to join his sexy American girl friend in the movement. Meet the American priest hooked on politics, the ex-CIA thug who smiles and smiles, and a cast of do-gooders who are singularly unsuccessful at doing God's word. It is poor man's Tom Sharpe, with crude red and white politics. The cannibalism is wittier than in Perfume.

How the brothers love one another

Woodrow Wyatt

HARD LABOUR By Robert Kilroy-Silk Chato & Windus, £9.95

A founder leader of Militant, Mr Ted Grant, proclaims that its creed is Revolutionary Communism. That should bar all believers in Militant from membership of the Labour Party; but it does not. An adherent must be proved to be taking part in a Militant organization within the Labour Party before he can be expelled. Wiggling is intense, proof is difficult, and the will of Labour's National Executive is minimal. So 80,000 Militants (Revolutionary Communists) roam around in the Labour Party. Mr Kilroy-Silk was persecuted enthusiastically by a sizeable number of his constituency, Knowsley North. They wanted to deselect him and put in Militant in his place.

Mr. Kilroy-Silk had been making trendy left wing noises since he became an MP in the Liverpool area in 1974. As late as 1981 he obtained from voting for Mr Benn as Deputy Leader, but did not vote against him. He began to move towards Mr Kinnoch, which in a national Labour Party would have been the seal of approval. But every time he defended Mr Kinnoch after he became Leader he was howled down in his local party meetings.

His diary of the months leading up to the intended reselection conference is enthralling. Without experience of Communist manipulation of union branch meetings and their unblinking vote-fiddling, or of the terrifying intimidations of local Labour Parties by Militants and their like, some readers may find his account unbelievable. It is true; and the full victimization of reasonable Labour MPs has driven away from their seats and them out of their party meetings. No wonder Mr Kilroy-Silk grabbed at Mr Kinnoch's minute rebuke of the Liverpool

Militants at last year's Labour Conference as a sign that help was on its way. It was an illusion. As the going got tougher Mr Kinnoch accepted his resignation as a shadow spokesman in the Commons with the scrap of consolation: "Keep fighting, kid." That is what Mr Kilroy-Silk did but Mr Kinnoch did not.

The disillusioned Kilroy-Silk finally gave up the struggle in July 1986, aware that neither the heart of Mr Kinnoch nor that of the Labour National Executive was stout enough to prevent a Militant or someone of equal menace taking over at Knowsley North. The new candidate hates Kinnoch.

Mr Kilroy-Silk is an engaged fellow. His encounters with real life as it is lived in the Labour Party are rapidly moving him towards the right. He says he will not join the SDP, which is wise of him as there is no political future for him there. After a few years he may find himself drawn to Mrs Thatcher, who is the butt of standard attacks in his diary. He is ambitious, and at 44 still has some political life in him. But if he is to make the grade with the Conservatives he will have to mature still further away from sloganeering.

His diary is littered with "I am a man of the people" references to the fortunes of the Liverpool football club, which sit unnaturally, and cast a faint doubt on his sincerity. When he becomes really honest with himself, and his desires to make money and a splash, he has the chance of becoming a significant person.

Poets in pads from an Age of Grace

Chris Patten

TRUMPER By Peter Sharpham Hodder & Stoughton, £12.95

BAT AND PAD Writings on Australian Cricket 1804-1984 Compiled by Pat Mullins and Philip Derriman Oxford, £8.95

Life is full of difficult choices. Do we present the palm to Florence or Venice, the Prado or the Louvre, or a question to revive spirits at the end of a lamentable season - Trumper or Bradman? The issue is raised directly by these two books.

Peter Sharpham's biography lacks the dash and grace of a Trumper innings. Mrs C.B. Fry called him the "poet of cricket". Mr Sharpham lays claim to being the "Slasher". Mackay of prose. The reader may not feel that the 1909 rhyme of an English cricket enthusiast is out of place between Mr Sharpham's paragraphs:

Vickery, Vickery, Vock The ball went over the clock, The knock was Vic's, He scored a six, Vickery, Vickery, Vock."

But we get the whole story - all the sixes - from the puzzling beginning (who was Trumper?) to the sad end, dead at 37 of Bright's disease, his kidneys wasted away.

Just as Velasquez is said to be the painter's painter, so Trumper was clearly the batsman's batsman, and the bowler's too. When Arthur Mailey got him out, he confessed to feeling "like a boy who had killed a dove". Wilfred Rhodes, the man who dismissed him more than any other, thought him the best. To Pelham Warner he was of the blood royal, and "the Governor-General".

Macartney, said simply that he would always have been proud to carry his bag. His dreadfully untidy bag is the only thing about him that drew criticism. Trumper was as clean-cut and decent in life as he appears in the admirable photographs that adorn this biography, mislabelled though one or two of them are. He belongs to an age of cricketing grace. Here then is the perfect Knight, "cricket incarnate".

Trumper's addiction to healthy living was as marked as his lack of venality. As Victor Daley wrote: "High

purpose glitters in his eye, he scorps the filthy dollar. Here then is the perfect Knight, "cricket incarnate". Comparing Trumper and Bradman, Neville Cardus goes over the top in his just-about-tolerable way. "Bradman", he writes, "never goes divinely mad, as Trumper and Hobbs did in the old days, when, having exhausted that part of their skill that was rational, they became like men possessed by romantic visions of wild and wonderful and new strokes in cricket."

The best of the descriptions of Bradman in the interesting Mullins and Derriman anthology are those by H.S. Athlum and the incomparable Jack Fingleton. Athlum describes Bradman's "small, serenely moving figure in its big-peaked green cap coming out of the pavilion's shadows into the sunshine... the destiny of a Test Match in his hands."

Fingleton in a perfect little essay on bodyline, describes it accurately as "a tribute to Bradman's greatness". Without Bradman, there would have been no bodyline. One of the editors of the Australian anthology draws a distinction between the sports reporting popular in papers in his own country, and the

sports writing favoured to the Formy press. There is some truth in this, but on the evidence of this collection most of the best writing is by those who regard themselves unselfconsciously as reporters. Much of this reporting is by ex-players who perhaps feel under less pressure to demonstrate that they could have aspired to the Booker Prize if only they had put their minds to it. Trevor Bailey's description of Ray Lindwall, taken from one of the most thoughtful books by a post-war player, is matched for directness, and, appropriately, pace by Richie Benaud's celebration of Alan Davidson's many virtues. It is a pity that none of Mike Brearley's work is included. Fingleton is, of course, the best journalist among the former players. In his own contribution to the Bradman versus Trumper controversy, he comes as near as he can to over-writing, staying a foot or two inside the boundary rails. But Fingleton is right. It must indeed have seemed to spectators in Bradman's heyday that "he was using not so much a bat as an axe dripping with the bowler's blood and agony."

There is much more to Australian cricket than the champagne of Trumper, the brutal brilliance of Bradman, and the parade of all the other heroes. We cannot forget the sledging (abuse of the batsman with intent to distract), the yahoos, and the arm-pit side of life. Mr Bob Hawke, no mean cricketer himself, implies in his introduction to the anthology, that we should not overlook this aspect of the Australian game if we wish to get the beauty of it hot. He cites the selectors' meeting in Sydney in 1912, brought to a premature close by Clem Hill's pugilistic challenge to a fellow selector - "You have been looking for a punch in the jaw all night and I will give you one. And so he did, the oldest form of bodyline. It is useful to remember, predated Douglas Jardine by some years.

Fun with Boers and BOSS

THRILLERS

Tim Heald

A SONG IN THE MORNING By Gerald Seymour Collins Harvill, £9.95

He writes like old Daily Express leaders. He likes short sentences. Often he uses one sentence paragraphs. When his man is in bed with a girl, some of the sentences become longer, not a lot longer, sometimes even a bit soppy. But not very soppy. He has written an exciting book.

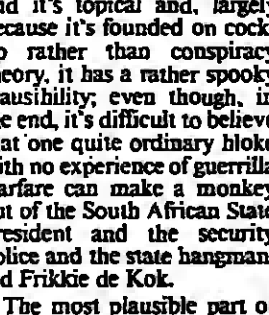
Actually it's very exciting and it's topical and, largely because it's founded on cock-up rather than conspiracy theory, it has a rather spooky plausibility, even though, in the end, it's difficult to believe that one quite ordinary bloke with no experience of guerrilla warfare can make a monkey out of the South African State President and the security police and the state hangman, old Frikkie de Kok.

The most plausible part of the story is that a stupid but very brave Tommy Atkins called Jez Curwen is recruited by British security and then forgotten, because the old-fashioned amateurs who hired him get pensioned off and cynical professionals, who give even less of a toss for him than his original bosses, the old guard let him rot in an Albanian prison for a decade. The Albanians removed his finger-nails; but Jez never croaked. Brave man, Jez, and not bright.

Not bright at all. Colonel Basil, who was none too bright either and appears subsequently to have gone completely off his rocker, then drops Jez, into South Africa and tells him to get alongside these African Congress chappies. Infiltrate but stay out of trouble. Easier said than done, of course. When a quartet of not very competent blacks throw a bomb at the Rand Supreme Court Jez is driving the getaway van.

It doesn't get away. When he gets the inevitable death sentence the powers that be in London manage little more than a mild shrug, but Jez writes a letter home to the wife and son on whom he walked out (pro patria) all those years ago. The son, Jack, is employed, though not at the sharp end, by a demolitions company. When he learns what has become of his old man he starts rooting around among friends, contacts, enemies. Then inevitably he takes flight for South Africa. It is not that difficult to imagine what comes next, though Mr Seymour keeps the "Will he? Won't he?" suspense going right to the very end.

Although I don't always care for what he does with them, Mr Seymour obviously understands words and enjoys working with them. He even



He has written a good Thriller. Very.

writes dialogue that is more than narrative in inverted commas.

Death in Leningrad, by John Lear (Pluto, £8.95). This book is a gem, beautifully written, witty, intelligent, and one of the finest evocations of a city I have read in ages. The cast consists mainly of a "small party of Russianists of which Ashewald was a member." They have come to Leningrad for a month of courses under the leadership of Carvel, who bore an "incongruous - and possibly cultivated - resemblance to the First Folio Portrait of William Shakespeare, there being no point at which lofty brow seemed to end and dome of head to begin."

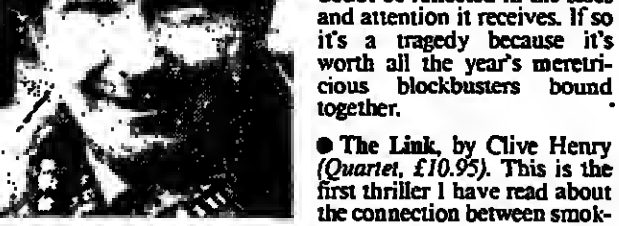
All of them have secrets.

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Blackpool: Robin Oakley samples the anger over Labour's new image; Ronald Butt on venom as before

THE TIMES DIARY

Bricks and brickbats

Eric Heffer, voted off Labour's national executive committee this week, could be forgiven for blaming his own sponsoring union. Not only did Ucat, the builders' union, last week pass a well publicized motion censuring his conference walk-out last year but, I learn, its general secretary, Albert Williams, wrote him a formal letter of warning. It expressed concern at Heffer's "poor show of unity" in 1985 and complained about his leaving a recent executive meeting equally abruptly. The night before his defeat, at a Ucat reception attended by Neil Kinnock, Heffer complained to Williams that it was wrong to publicize their differences. Williams replied that he should toe the line. Heffer, beardless of every warning, stormed off. It may not have been in the leadership's gift, but was it coincidence that the only new member elected to the NEC's union section was Ucat's Jack Rogers?

Last straw

Derek Hatton, unbloody and unbowed after the final sack was put on his expulsion that morning, spent Tuesday night juking with the troops at a Militant rally. Peering at a note that had just been passed to him, he stood up and told his audience, swelled by at least two coach loads of supporters from Liverpool: "I can cope with being thrown out of the Labour Party. I can cope with losing my job with Knowlesy council, but I can't cope with Everton losing 4-1 in Liverpool and Ian Rush scoring a hat-trick."

● In no casual spirit, with no bravado, one Militant in Blackpool bemoaned the 6.1 million votes in favour of expelling fellow Trots from the Labour Party thus: "That is six million ice picks buried in the heads of the Liverpool Labour movement."

RIP

After all the abuse tossed at the Labour party's new red rose logo (it's anti-Yorkshire, it's anti-Scott), I find the canniest analysis in an article about something quite different in this week's New Society. Discussing the greetings card industry, David White writes: "Some 70 per cent of cards use flowers to say whatever they want to say. The top flower in the hearts and flowers market is the rose. In the card industry's language of flowers a rose says 'I love you'. The rose is also a useful all purpose flower. If it is embossed on a plain white card, it can say 'My condolences'."

Back to base

Attending a press session in Washington on Monday with a group of young Chinese baseball players, Vice-President George Bush warned reporters that he would answer questions about baseball, and baseball only. That did not stop them. "Mr Vice-President," asked one, "how long will it be before Nick Daniloff is playing baseball again?" Another followed up: "Will he be back in time for the World Series?"



BARRY FANTONI

Do unto others  
The Labour-controlled Brent Council in north London yesterday introduced the country's first multi-faith religious syllabus for schoolchildren. It treats all religions equally and mentions Christianity only once — among a list of religions in the appendix. The Rev Roger Mason, Anglican chairman of the committee responsible for the syllabus, tells me eloquently that we must "adapt to local conditions" and abandon Christian-centred religious studies. Not when it comes to his own children, however. Mason sends his three children of secondary school age well away from his home in Brent to Grosvenor Hospital, a Church of England school in Westminster of which he is a governor.

Threesome  
Author and cricket fanatic Leslie Thomas celebrates a publishing hat-trick today: the simultaneous publication of a new novel, *The Adventures of Goodnight and Love*, about a lawyer turned hobo, a cricketer's short story in *The Broomfield Book* and a profile of Sir Len Hutton in *Short Singles*. He will not be at the launch of any of them instead he will be addressing a private lunch for Fleet Street middle managers — on, among other things, cricket.

The people's flag is deepest pink  
We're really nicer than you think...

Bemused Labour delegates at Blackpool this week have found themselves caught up in a revolution they had never expected. This is not the Labour conference any more: it is a television-oriented rally complete with glossy souvenir brochure.

After all those years of gibing at a Labour organization which Harold Wilson called the old penny farthing, the party at last has a machine that works. The red rose symbol — an open rose, you notice, and not the closed rose of Communist Socialism — is accompanied by new smooth typefaces and pastel backgrounds. But it is accompanied, too, by a ruthless stage management of debates, with a pre-selection of speakers worthy of any Tory assembly.

Neil Kinnock must no longer be underestimated by his opponents, for he has proved a quick learner. In his first year as leader he lost the battle to win one man, one vote reselection for Labour MPs, having not done enough to square the union leaders in advance. Now he has control over his executive and, through the unions, over his conference, such as no Labour leader has enjoyed for years. And any reforms which would interfere with that control — such as giving the rank-and-file conference delegates more voting power in relation to the union blocs, or allowing women to elect

The telephones were keeping two secretaries occupied in Marmaduke Hussey's office yesterday. It was *Newsnight*, called one. It was *Breakfast TV*, said the other. Oh, and the *World At One* were very anxious.

"Tell them all sorry but no, absolutely no," said Hussey. "And you might add that they will not be getting the biggest bastard in the world."

The BBC's keenness to talk to Duke Hussey extended far beyond the interviewers' eagerness for a contribution to their programme. Everyone in the organization needed to find out swiftly about the man appointed yesterday as chairman of the BBC at a time when the full force of Margaret Thatcher's wrath was said to be about to descend. Duke Hussey was simply not expected to be the man with the axe.

Nor does he see his appointment in quite so vivid a light. In a lively conversation within an hour of the announcement, he insisted he had been given no such wringing brief, and entered the post with the most open of minds. "Of course, I would say that, wouldn't I? But it happens to be true. Indeed, it has to be true, because I know so little about the organization that my wife and I had to go through the telephone book to find out the address where I will be working."

"As I had not set foot inside the place, not spoken to a soul about what needs doing, I would be rather stupid trying to define the solutions before I know the problems. But I read the paper; it is obvious that something is not quite right."

The BBC has become a stone in the collective shoe of the Cabinet. The idea of any state-funded body unaccountable for its profligate spending is difficult for Downing Street to bear, when from it comes a trickle of programmes riven with left-wing bias. The BBC was thought to have reached its lowest ebb when allegedly failing to throw its full unquestioning weight behind the Falklands campaign; to learn last week that one of its drama producers was now reported to be requiring that its history be recast in an even less favourable light was the stuff of which Tory nightmares are made.

As the Peacock Commission into the BBC returned with all the answers that Mrs Thatcher did not want to hear, it is unlikely that Duke Hussey has been chosen without a clear idea in someone's mind that he can tame an organization regarded as out of control. Hussey says the invitation in a telephone call from the Home Secretary, Douglas Hurd, last Thursday amazed him. "But it is a post, an obligation, that cannot be resisted."

If he could not talk about what task awaited him, what of the qualities he would be bringing to it? Hussey thought he was an affable enough fellow, easy to get on with, had an ability to deal with the quirks of creative people, and see them through the times when that creativity clashed with the practical needs of the world.

I think editors I have dealt with, and the surgeons and physicians at the Royal Marsden where I am chairman, have much High tech takes over our language as well as our jobs. Computereze is changing the way we speak almost as fast as computers are changing the way we work. The trouble is that we amateurs often get hold of the wrong end of the jargon, with ridiculous results.

Take the trendy phrase "the state of the art". If you want to sound up-to-date and a genuine person, you should drop it into your writing, or speech, with a slight pause to indicate admiringly inverted commas around it, at every opportunity. The catchphrase comes from the jargons of computers and other high-tech industries. But are we quite sure we know what it means?

the five-member women's section of the NEC without the controlling hand of the union bosses — are ruthlessly pushed back into the cupboard.

It looks good on television. It is reassuring. It all fits in with the smart new image for the Labour Party being chiselled out by two key figures behind Kinnock, the party's general secretary, Larry Whitty, and the communications director, Peter Mandelson. But it is an operation which is brewing up resentment against the leadership among the people who will still have to knock on doors for Labour at the next election. They are by no means as convinced as Kinnock and his team that they want to be smart.

Tour the fringe meetings in Blackpool and the irritation soon bubbles over. Keir Hardie would have been lucky to get into this conference even on a visitor's ticket, said John McDonnell, one-time Livingston lieutenant, at the *Labour Herald* rally. The leadership, he complained, was turning the conference from a policy-making body into a media event, a vehicle for publicity agents; a vehicle for Kinnock. Six hundred people cheered when he declared: "We want to regain control of our conference."

The expulsion of Derek Hatton and the Liverpool Militants may have done wonders for Labour in the opinion polls. But the discipline drive has left the left wondering what comes next. As Diane Abbott, the black par-

liamentary candidate for Hackney North, put it on Monday: "If they came for Militant in the morning they'll come for the rest of us in the afternoon."

And Tony Benn was loudly applauded when he said that the party leadership was applying the old army charge of "conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline" to the sergeant-major's stance when he could not get you for anything specific; a concept which only applied to the "other ranks".

Even the left does not want to rock the boat too hard this year when it can see that Labour has a chance of electoral victory. But the warning sounds are coming through already. "We're all working for a Labour victory, but not for a victory at any price," said one rally speaker. "We can't afford a triumph in which packaging is seen to triumph over content," said another.

Benn had delegates laughing derisively as he read extracts from the rallying call he had received from the party's Walworth Road headquarters for the conference — an invitation to Labour supporters to buy packs of Freedom and Fairness Campaign balloons in contrasting shades.

Too much sickness makes you sick, is the left's approach. And there are more warning clouds for Kinnock in the way his chosen generals are derided by the troops. "John Cunningham's socks glow in the dark" is good for a laugh at any left-wing gathering — a ref-

erence to the environment spokesman's support for nuclear power, which is not altogether unconnected with the fact that the Sellafield nuclear plant is in his constituency and the only major source of jobs there.

Cunningham, sharp-suited, silk-handkerchiefed, smoothly presentable on television and a master of his brief, is a prize proponent of Kinnock's new realism. But he is fast becoming a bogey man to the rank and file. So are the admirably outspoken bousing spokesmen, Jeff Rooker, and the Wykehamist education spokesman, Giles Radice. Roy Hattersley has been some time in the shooting gallery already.

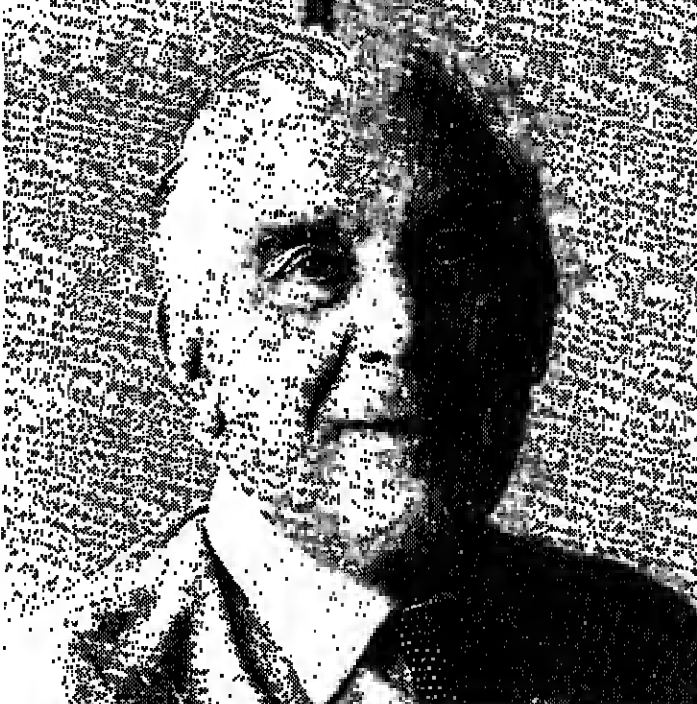
But those are the men that the new Labour image is all about. The problem for Kinnock is that the men and women who will make up his parliamentary force if he does win his way to No 10 are the ones who are touring these fringe meetings cheering every call for the release of jailed miners, for the surcharges to be lifted from the Lambeth councillors and for the troops to be withdrawn from Northern Ireland.

Some time the new Labour image and the reality are going to collide. The task for Kinnock and his image burnishers in the meantime — a task they are performing well in Blackpool so far — is to ensure that that collision occurs after the next election and not before it.

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Thatcher's choice: Brian James profiles the ruthless grandee in the chairman's hot seat

Can the Duke bring the BBC to heel?



Hussey: "No axeman, an open mind" — but acknowledging that things are not as they should be within the corporation

in common. Obsessive people, perfectionists, but not always tuned in to matters of finance and practicality. I imagine that may be true at the Beeb. I really am no axeman. Ask my friends. Editor of *The Times* here between 1967 and 1981, explained the relationship that developed after Hussey left Associated Newspapers — "where he could not have failed to become aware of the wickedness in human nature" — to become managing director at *The Times*.

Editors and chief executives, he said, were capable of only two sorts of relationship. Either they were ghastly in permanent contact, or they developed an understanding as close as any business relationship is capable of being.

"Ours was the second kind. He is enormously affable. He can be incredibly tough. I do not mean in a table-thumping manner. But he has the ability to make the hardest decisions. At Associated, he once took his best friend for a walk

along the Embankment, and fired him. So yes, he can be ruthless. He will need to be."

The BBC, according to Rees-Mogg, a former governor, was in deep trouble. It had embraced not enterprise culture, but a spending culture. It had interpreted editorial independence as a freedom exercised at producer level, far below the level of true responsibility. It was a bureaucracy out of control. "I believe Duke Hussey has five years to get this right. If he fails he will leave the corporation in a state of deep crisis. It is odd that while those at the top will regard his appointment with deep anxiety, in case he should be too draconian, people at the bottom have already begun to question me on whether he will be tough enough. They know, you see, the problems."

Duke Hussey, with a given name straight out of Wodehouse, a background of Rugby, Oxford and the Guards, and a wife who is a lady-in-waiting to the Queen and godmother to Prince William, is a sitting target for the left: an Establishment grandee, a paid-up member of the elitist right. Actually, he insists, he is apolitical, has not attended a political meeting for 40 years, and if he must be given a niche, then it must have room to accommodate Gaiskell and Iain Macleod.

Inevitably yesterday, the news of his appointment was greeted

with rage at the Labour Party conference, and ribaldry on the pavement beneath his office windows in Grays Inn Road where a print union picket was camped. These same pavements were the stage when, through the winter of 1978/79, Duke Hussey became a leading player in the street theatre of the ill-fated closure of *The Times*. Night after night he would be seen on television screens limping and laughing into another meeting of that interminable conflict.

The limp is a legacy of a wound suffered at Anzio in 1943. The 20-year-old Grenadier Guards officer was hit at point-blank range by a burst of submachine gun fire. It took off his right leg, injured his spine, sent him to German and British military hospitals until 1949, and left him in steady, recurring pain to this day. "I don't think anyone had such a thing as a good war, I certainly had a short one. I was only in action five days. But I have spent the rest of my life celebrating the fact I came up against the worst marksmen in the Wehrmacht."

His good cheer during that confrontation with the unions stemmed from his conviction, then firmly held, that he was leading the national newspaper industry on a path towards sanity. An attempt to bring new technology to Fleet Street on an industrial-wide scale had failed even to begin. "So we tried to do it alone. I felt it could be done — and must be. Through the unions told me 'You'll need more than one bite at this cherry,' I felt it could be achieved."

What was achieved? Hussey grimaced. "Well, we got an agreement. Which was not kept."

Others involved at the time remember it differently. "Hussey," said one, "flew into battle with the unions amid a flight of hawks. But towards the end, he was up there flying pretty well alone. His subsequent failure to keep even the little he had gained from the best of the best meant that the sale of *The Times* became inevitable. Wapping could have been achieved with much less hostility had Hussey been surrounded by men as firm as he."

"At the BBC," said Rees-Mogg, "Hussey will be surrounded with molasses. It is the way it is done. They will try to coat him with sugar and flattery, treat him like a queen bee. He is a communications man. The mandarins at the BBC would have much liked a man from outside their world; Hussey will see through them at a glance."

He intends to give up board appointments at *The Times* and his connection with a radio station in the West Country. One of the posts he will retain, even with this new burden, will be the chairmanship of the Royal Marsden Hospital. The chief executive, Miss Phyllis Cunningham, said: "When Duke came to us 18 months ago he explained that he knew nothing about hospitals, except what it was to be in pain in one. For months afterwards he was about the place, poking into every corner, meeting not only surgeons but also record clerks, cooks and the man in the boiler room. I rather imagine that is how he will begin at the BBC."

phrase can mean something old-fashioned. So we use it to mean exactly what we want it to mean, neither more nor less, viz modern, up-to-date, the latest adventurous invention. For example: "It is still not easy to produce decent pictures at such a venue, even when one is replete with state of the art cameras, long lenses and fast film."

Or, for another example from the insane ad from British Telecom, which would be better than inventing deaf slogans. "We're responsible for a host of other state-of-the-art innovations." This is to use language like breaking wind.

In short, state of the art is a raging popularized technicality, like parameter, or myth, or window of opportunity, from other specialties. I shall avoid the phrase, on the grounds that the language is in a terrible state of chassis without aggravating it.

New bottle, same old wine

Labour may be cultivating a new image, but its basic sentiments remain unchanged. A speaker who wishes to command his audience must still pick his words in querulous and angry tones that appeal to the party's collective self-pity. The argument is still to a class conflict with exploiting bosses and treason by scabs, to blacks resisting racist attacks by the police, to "gays" and lesbians who think they are discriminated against, or to "Labour people" suffering injustice meted out by "Tory" judges and magistrates.

Throughout the conference debate on crime, for instance, the prevailing mood was deeply anti-police. A print worker, Geoffrey Dixon, accused the police of attacking blacks at St Paul's, Bristol, and at Brixton and Toxteth ("I don't see the police arresting the children of the rich in their quest for heroin and cocaine"). Anne Thomas from Bristol (blondely Anglo-Saxon) warned the party not to expect black votes if it would not support blacks. Linda Bellos, the militant feminist leader of Lambeth Council, attacked the Home Office for inspiring the drugs raids in Brixton and elsewhere, and the media for attempting to "criminalize" the blacks. (Her fury had a further airing yesterday in the debate on "black sections" in which she revealingly attacked the separate use of "black" and "Asian" in the description of the party's Black and Asian Advisory Committee as "shamefully depriving us of our own self-description as blacks.")

Serious discussion about crime was absent. In Labour rhetoric, crime (whose principal victims are the inner city working class) is caused by Margaret Thatcher. Many speakers said so, and the shadow home secretary, Gerald Kaufman, gave his respectability to their opinion. When he was at last called for his few minutes on the lower rostrum (he is not a member of the national executive), he prefaced his promise of more money to prevent crime with a characteristic example of intellectual slumming in order to appeal to his audience. Reciting the statistics of the crimes which would have been committed that morning, he declared: "That is Margaret Thatcher's criminal record."

The same attitudes pervaded the debate on law reform. Tony Benn, for the NEC, paid tribute to "Labour magistrates" who did their best and attacked "politically biased Tory magistrates" and judges who used their power against "Labour people", miners, Greenham women, and so on. The injustices to "our" or "Labour" people (as though they were a breed apart) ran through the argument. Tony Gifford, as he announced himself, or otherwise Lord Gifford, the left-wing barrister, abandoned his more natural and smoother-tongued style for one more suitable to the occasion. Shouting and stabbing the air like a militant student orator, he declared that Britain needed more women judges and more black

judges. (He forgot to mention "gay judges"). Another, presumably educated member of the Society of Labour Lawyers spoke of the "blue-rinsed vandals" who would be baying at Bournemouth next week for more prisons.

Not least a deep vein of anti-Americanism permeates the party. When Neil Kinnock made the briefest possible reference to Russia in Afghanistan, it won not a clap. His tirade against the US in Nicaragua received huge applause.

It was, in other words, the same old party, and I dare say that Ms. Bellos spoke for more delegates than would openly admit it when, after Kinnock's speech, she remarked that it contained no socialism, and added sadly: "I didn't hear any reference to class." But if it wasn't there in Kinnock's speech, it is there in the party, and class conflict would be there harassing him if he were to reach No 10. It would be coming from the constituency parties, from some of the trade union hierarchies, and it would be heavily represented among the Labour MPs who would be behind him in Parliament.

Meanwhile, Kinnock and his colleagues seek to persuade the nation that they are a very different party, a party for all grievances, but also a party of reason and moderation. He is, as he put it, in the serious business of persuading people to Labour's view, which of course means keeping the left quiet at least on the major issues of the economy and state control, even though they have won on defence and cannot be kept quiet on such social questions as crime.

What is so significant is the willingness of so many on the left, especially the so-called soft left, to keep quiet, and their reason is the most important aspect of Labour politics now. They are no less desperate for power than the Labour moderates are, but they know that if Labour does not win, it really will be in danger of breaking up and precipitating the realignment of the left which is (or at any rate, was) the Alliance's objective.

There are moments in Labour's history when the left has not minded losing. These have been when it calculated, as it did after 1974, that a period of opposition would give the left a chance to tighten its grip on the party. But sensible left-wingers also know that if Labour does not maintain its claim to be the alternative party of government by getting power from time to time, its survival will be doomed for lack of credibility, and credibility is what this year's conference is about. Kinnock, aided by a number of moderates, notably John Smith and John Cunningham, is doing a remarkable job in pulling all wings of his disparate party together. But for real credibility, style is no substitute for substance.

Kinnock and his friends are froot men for forces they know the public does not want and which must be camouflaged. Is it possible that the electorate will not see through it?

moreover... Miles Kingston Slipshod, Bristol fashion

The police image has taken a beating recently, and although the police have done their best to restore it by staging drugs raids, announcing inquiries and suspending every other officer from duty for a while, I am not sure that this is the best route.

What the public needs is reassurance that the old image of a policeman as an endearing, chucky bobby is not entirely dead. If anyone made a record today called *The Laughing Policeman* it would not, I'm afraid, sell many copies. This must be changed, and I'm glad to say that I have spotted a sign, from Bristol, that policemen still have a sense of fun and enjoy a joke as much as the next man.

I first realized that the Bristol police were not as other forces when, earlier this year, they surrounded a house in which an armed gang had taken refuge and laid siege to it for several hours. When they eventually charged in, they found nobody there.

Now, this by itself does not prove anything, and it certainly did not gain much publicity at the time. But, as if to prove that they were not to be deterred, they did it again in the last week of August.

An armed man had stolen several thousand pounds from the Bristol and West Building Society in Whiteladies Road, close to the BBC building, when the police arrived they laid siege to a nearby house in which they were convinced the man was hiding.

He was not. He had gone into an adjacent restaurant, the Restaurant du Gourmet, where he not only ordered a meal but asked for a cut on his hand to be dealt with. The manager became suspicious and went to the police, busy with their siege, to tell them that he thought the man they were besieging was actually sitting in his restaurant. He went not once, but twice. On both occasions the police told him to go away as they were very busy with their siege.

The diner turned out to be, indeed, the man the police were looking for, but by the time they had discovered his absence from the besieged house, he was also absent from the restaurant.

This quirky sense of fun on the part of the Bristol police was shown at its best in the affair of the missing corpse, which also took place this summer. Someone discovered a severed finger lying in a park. The police arrived and took it to a pathologist. The conclusion was that this finger must belong to a missing body, so the police started scouring the area and even held a press conference to appeal for public assistance. Fifteen policemen went through hospital records for cases of lost fingers to see if any fingerless men could help them with their inquiries.

Next morning the search was resumed. It was called off only when the forensic department at Cheltenham (where the finger had been sent) telephoned to say that in their opinion the finger was made of rubber. Although perhaps tempted to carry on searching for a rubber corpse, the police declared that the party was over.

As I am not in Bristol all the time, I cannot be sure what other pranks the police have been up to, though I quite enjoyed reading about their discovery of chocolate bars containing cannabis which were on sale in Bristol pubs at 22p a bar. These, said the police, constituted a grave threat to children. I hope it is only the police in Bristol who think that children go around with police paying £2 for bars of chocolate.

And finally we had the recent raid on the St Paul's area, in which 600 policemen spent two days looking for drug barons and ended up arresting four men on petty drugs charges. This caused a certain amount of rioting. Unable to identify all the rioters, the police have asked the BBC to turn over their film of the incidents. So far the BBC have refused. Perhaps they want to keep it as a programme about the Bristol police.

If I were the Bristol police, I would certainly want to go on playing it for laughs. I just hope they don't start taking themselves seriously at a time when they could dramatically change the image of the police. Time for another empty house siege. I feel...





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# NUCLEAR AMBIGUITY

Socialism has made some historical claim to be a scientific creed, but at any point of practical decision in the Labour Party, science and reason are at the mercy of sentiment and industrial conservatism. The tortured debate over nuclear power, and its outcome so far, afford a classic example of Labour's attempts to reconcile the real world with its passionate hopes.

The Party in general is driven by a tide of fear, understandably rising after Chernobyl, about the risks of technical error, accidents and even catastrophe. On the other hand, knowledgeable people in the Party, including its energy spokesman, Mr John Cunningham (who also has a constituency interest), argue that economic and energy needs do not allow nuclear power to be abandoned precipitately, and that in any case this would not be justified by any sober analysis of the safety risks.

The argument is further complicated by the conflicts of sectional Labour interests. On the one side are the three large unions representing the workers in the nuclear power industry who are deeply opposed to getting rid of nuclear power stations, with the loss of their livelihoods. Against them are Mr Arthur Scargill and his National Union of Mineworkers who argue that the case against nuclear power on safety grounds is unarguable, and that nuclear power

can be replaced by the development of coal reinforced by wave, wind and solar energy - in all of which their wish is father to their thought.

For the Labour leadership there is a pragmatic need both to satisfy the anti-nuclear mood of the Party and to come to terms with the simple fact that any commitment to immediate abandonment of nuclear power would spell energy and economic difficulties.

The solution of Labour's national executive committee, therefore, was the highly complex statement which was passed yesterday by the Labour conference with the two-thirds majority which makes it eligible for inclusion in the Party manifesto. It accepts the principle of phasing out nuclear power but hedges this about with many qualifications, particularly in respect of speed, which would appear to give a Labour government both discretion and flexibility in action.

Labour would build no more nuclear power stations and would start by phasing out the old magnox reactors. But the whole switch by smooth transition to a non-nuclear policy could take decades, which is unacceptable to many in the Party. Though the move to non-nuclear energy would add to costs, it is argued that this extra addition to Labour's other spending plans would be

sufficiently spread out to be acceptable.

In Labour Party terms it was counted a victory that this policy of compromise was accepted yesterday by a two-thirds majority, whereas Mr Scargill's motion for getting rid of nuclear power in the lifetime of the next Labour government, though it had a clear majority, fell short of the required two-thirds.

Yet in many respects this is a hollow victory for Mr Kinnock and his colleagues, for even if Labour took 20 years to get rid of nuclear power (supposing it held office for such a length of time) it would still face the opposition of nuclear workers. Any foot-dragging, however, would expose it to constant harassment by its powerful anti-nuclear element who understandably are not encouraged by the breezy exhortation of Mr Eric Hammond of the EEPFU, that they should take their example from Russia's decision to open one reactor at Chernobyl.

Those hostile to nuclear power rightly complain that no nation is an island when it comes to nuclear accidents. But they fail to draw the logical conclusion that the right way to proceed with the risks is by increasing international co-operation in respect of technology and safety standards. In nuclear power as in nuclear weapons, a unilateralist country has no bargaining power. As it is, Labour simply offers one more essay in ambiguity.

# THE OTHER EAST-WEST TRADE

The imminent release of Dr Yuri Orlov, physicist, human rights campaigner and Soviet prisoner, has been welcomed throughout the West, and justly so. The campaign waged on his behalf may not have been as spectacular or as personalized as that which brought Anatoli Shcharansky to Jerusalem, but it has been as dedicated and persistent. Eight years of effort by Dr Orlov's fellow scientists and others in the West have finally paid off.

But the inclusion of Dr Orlov, until yesterday in exile in the far north-east of Siberia, in the diplomatic equation which finalized the Reykjavik summit, meeting is open to criticism. And that criticism, which has emanated from many quarters now that Dr Orlov's freedom seems assured, cannot be dismissed lightly. The morality of trading people for political advantage, a practice which has become increasingly common in East-West diplomacy over the years, is highly questionable.

In essence, the Soviet Union and other repressive regimes are seen to be rewarded for policies which to our way of thinking are unacceptable. Moscow can weigh the adverse publicity it attracts from locking up or otherwise harassing dissenters against the political and humanitarian kudos it gains from setting them free

again. And because the news outlets of the West and their customers naturally prefer the exception to the norm, victory to defeat, the few releases eclipse the many detentions.

The reality of the Soviet Union is, however, that the dissident human rights movement as it was in the 1970s is a thing of the past. The movement and the individuals who belonged to it, hoping that the undertakings given by their government at Helsinki would facilitate a measure of democratic change, have been systematically crushed by successive Kremlin leaders. For all his suffering, Dr Orlov is a vestige of a bygone age - which is probably why Moscow has let him go.

Yet the dubious morality of the transaction gives the West no justification for passing by on the other side. If the Soviet Union chooses to sell people whose value abroad exceeds their value at home (and the regimes in East Germany and Rumania are engaged in similar transactions), then humanitarian considerations dictate that we will buy. But we should at the same time ensure that the price demanded of the Soviet Union is as high as it can possibly be, that our distaste for the transaction is known, and that we do not allow those still detained to be forgotten.

With the promised departure of Yuri Orlov from the Soviet Union next week, the trade in figureheads of the Soviet human rights movement is drawing to a close. The Gorbachev leadership has increasingly sent inconvenient individuals into emigration. There will be fewer and fewer people for the Kremlin to trade in future.

The only prominent Soviet dissidents from the 1970s still in captivity are Andrei Sakharov and his wife Elena Bonner, who live in internal exile in Gorky. Following the release of Dr Orlov into emigration, their eventual release (at the "right" price) cannot be ruled out, despite repeated Soviet protestations to the contrary. Now is the time for the West's campaign on their behalf to be stepped up.

This is not to neglect or undervalue the many people in the Soviet Union who dissent from the policies of their government or who, like many Soviet Jews, wish to emigrate. It is rather to recognize that the scene is changing and that the campaign for human rights in the Soviet Union must move on to the struggle for all Soviet citizens to be allowed to live where they choose and dissent peacefully from the view of the government without threat of prison.

There is no doubt that the highest peaks in the world can be climbed by small parties without supplementary oxygen and without traditional support camps. This has become one of the great challenges in the current golden age of high-altitude climbing. To succeed requires great skill, fitness, speed and resolve. Above all, it requires fine judgement of the problems involved - the very essence of the sport of mountaineering in any era.

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There are still obstacles to be overcome, above all the shortfalls in staffing. In London, where most lawyers had to be found, staffing levels are still only at half strength, and the system gets underway in the capital heavily reinforced by the private profession and prosecutors seconded from the provinces. It is on this that the service is most acutely sensitive. No-one expects, as one branch prosecutor put it, a change from one system to another overnight. Quality of recruits is more important than quantity. But it would be disastrous if staff shortages, administrative muddles and inexperience persist long enough to undermine the service's whole aim of restoring public confidence in the criminal justice system.

# PROSECUTING CHANGES

Prosecuting in England and Wales undergoes a sea-change this week with the birth of the crown prosecution service in courts throughout the country. This new service represents the biggest change in the criminal justice system this century, with the police relinquishing responsibility for prosecutions to a new salaried service of public prosecutors. For the first time the task of investigating crime is separated from that of prosecuting it.

The service, hailed as the means to greater efficiency and economy in the criminal courts, has its origins in the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure. That Commission was set up under Sir Cyril Phillips amidst widespread public disquiet with existing police procedure, and with their dual role in the criminal justice process.

Disquiet was fuelled in particular by the Maxwell Confait murder case in which the Court of Appeal quashed the conviction of three youths and, by implication, raised serious questions about the way the police had handled the investigations. Against that background the Commission decided to see if a fairer, more efficient system could be devised. At the same time there was concern about the quality of cases going to the Crown Court. Almost half of these result in acquittals, of which a third are judge-directed, gen-

erally on the grounds of insufficient evidence.

The Commission therefore concluded that alongside a new statutory framework for the investigation of offences by police, now enshrined in the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, there was need for a new prosecution system. Its birth has not been an easy one. There have been complaints of incompetence, administrative blunders, lost papers and general chaos which have added to the delays in the courts rather than helping to reduce them.

Some teething troubles were inevitable. The change, in London in particular where police formerly undertook the bulk of prosecutions, has been traumatic; courts have had to adjust to lawyers, and not police, standing up to take whole case lists. But the revolution has been felt everywhere. Former local authority prosecutors, who form the core of the service, have become civil servants, amidst complaints of red tape and poorer conditions of service. Some, formerly working alongside police in the stations themselves, have had to move into new buildings; a sign of the new more independent relationship that prosecutors will have with the police.

The most significant change is the independent review of cases by public prosecutors, applying the Attorney General's guidelines, to decide

which should proceed. There are no statistics as yet, but the signs are they are already sifting out the weaker ones. Initially this has added to delays, but in time that should be the sifting of weak cases which will no longer clog up the Crown Court.

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# Backward march in technology

From Professor Mino Green  
Sir, My department was chosen with others, to be expanded so as to provide more qualified engineers in disciplines related to information technology (IT). To be selected we had to obtain strong indications of support from industry in the form of covenanted staff posts, gifts, etc. I spent three months spearheading the department's efforts. Industrial response was at least in part, generous.

Now, because of the latest round of cuts, some retiring staff are not replaced, so the expansion in student numbers carries with it a further decrease in the staff/student ratio and a further reduction in our capacity to compete intellectually on the world stage. And what will my contacts in industry think now of all those encouraging words I spoke to them?

The IT industries are the major technology of our age, exceeding steel, cars, etc. We will be largely excluded from this business unless we have a highly educated society, not just engineers, but the great range of professional and artisan skills, to grasp the opportunities as they arise.

We need education to create wealth and to enhance life. It should be remembered by all that we now have to earn our way in this world by our skills.

Yours etc.  
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September 26.

more difficult to recruit top-quality graduates, both PhD chemists and also chemical, electrical and mechanical engineers.

One recent action by government affecting the supply of school teachers seems likely to add to these difficulties so far as chemistry is concerned. In trying to encourage more teacher trainees to opt for maths, physics or technology, the Government has introduced a bursary scheme paying £1,200 a year tax free, in addition to the normal grant, to students entering teacher training in these subjects. The scheme does not apply to those opting to teach chemistry, the numbers of whom have, I understand, fallen by a quarter this year.

Surely there is a real danger that the bursary scheme, however well meant, will divert yet more candidates away from chemistry teaching?

Yours faithfully,  
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September 29.

**Merits of VAT**  
From Mr R. J. Pelly  
Sir, Most UK taxes - particularly National Insurance, PAYE, corporation tax and rates - are a tax on production and employment. They all reduce the ability of UK industry to compete in domestic and international markets. VAT is the one tax that does not handicap UK industry. It is charged equally on products sold in the UK by foreign and domestic producers. It is not charged at all on UK exports.

Why is this simple fact not recognized by the Government and its opponents, all of whom have a reduction in unemployment as one of their principal objectives? A tax system that gives UK industry an even chance - irrespective of the level of taxation - must surely appeal to all political parties.

If governments were to increase the rate of VAT whilst simultaneously abolishing taxes on UK production, I suggest that the level of UK unemployment would decline dramatically.

Yours faithfully,  
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Warmford,  
Southampton, Hampshire.

**Help for chemistry**  
From Mr T.D. Culpin  
Sir, Sir Ewart Jones (September 29) refers to the UK chemical industry's strongly positive contribution to our balance of trade and suggests that the number of PhD chemists joining the industry from the universities, as highlighted by his recent survey, must have helped in this achievement.

His last point about the need to foster such activities is especially topical. At this association we have recently completed a survey of graduate recruitment by 25 member companies - mostly major employers - who together take on about 600 graduates a year. A clear message now emerging from many of these companies is that it is becoming more and

more difficult to recruit top-quality graduates, both PhD chemists and also chemical, electrical and mechanical engineers.

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**Oxygen in climbing**  
From Dr Charles Clarke  
Sir, I share the concern of Peter Lloyd and his colleagues (August 30), themselves all veterans of earlier expeditions to Mount Everest (8,848 metres, 29,028 feet) of the risks of mountaineering at extreme altitudes without oxygen. As a member of more recent expeditions to peaks above 8,000 metres (26,240 feet) I have had to take some part in the decision whether or not to take oxygen sets.

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res man is near his physiological limits.

At these great heights the medical and psychological effects of oxygen lack are of paramount importance, making stays of more than two or three days highly dangerous undertakings. When tired climbers are trapped by storm, as on K2, rapid deterioration may lead to catastrophe.

I find no easy answer to the question, "Should one take supplementary oxygen?" The logistic problems are great and lead to large and costly expenditures and "there's never enough oxygen at the right place at the right time." The oxygen controversy will thus continue, but the choice is there. That choice must, however, remain that of the members of the team.

I do support the efforts being made by other Alpine Club members and The Mount Everest Foundation in underlining these hazards, which are often less than obvious "on the hill" to the increasing body of younger climbers whose aspirations are to achieve ascents of the world's highest peaks.

Yours etc.  
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September 25.

**Fruitless question**  
From Lady Moser  
Sir, On the subject of holly bushes, it may interest Mr John Lee (September 22) and other readers to hear how I solved a similar problem of the flowering but non-fruiting holly.

When the holly was in flower I cut a luscious branch and walked with it round my neighbourhood comparing its flowers with those of other bushes in flower. The first few matches exactly and then I found one whose flowers were of another kind.

I approached the owner and offered to swap my branch for one of hers, which I placed on my bush. The bees did the rest and that year I had a bush full of berries.

Yours,  
MARY MOSER,  
3 Regent's Park Terrace, NW1,  
September 23.

**Odious comparisons**  
From Ms Honne White  
Sir, How pleased I was the other day to learn that Denmark (which is hardly ever mentioned in the British Press) is rated the best place in the world to live.

But the joy was short-lived. In an editorial in your paper (September 17) we were told that surely Denmark could not be that wonderful. According to the editorial, the survey must be extremely unfair placing Britain in twelfth place.

I happen to be one of the 9,480 Danes living in England and to me there is no doubt why Britain only

# Legal advice and small claims

From Mr J. C. Greenwood  
Sir, I noted with alarm and disbelief the article by your Legal Affairs Correspondent (September 24) headed "Ban on lawyers in small claims courts is suggested".

There is comparatively little wrong with the conception of the day-to-day operation of small claims courts. I would, however, venture to suggest that as the civil justice review consultation paper is concerned in its suggestions as much with saving public money as anything else, a considerable saving of judicial time could be made by directing funds towards publicity for the notion that those intent on making claims would be well advised, before embarking on litigation, to obtain at least a smattering of legal advice.

This would limit the present large number of half-baked claims and often spurious defences which are filed in the small claims court and cut down the wasted judicial time in sorting out the muddles which ensue.

Yours faithfully,  
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September 25.

**Working like a mole**  
In Buenos Aires - whatever may be the case in some of the outer provinces - there is very little more than this that meets the eye of the casual stroller through the streets. Nevertheless, the German is here in his thousands. He is working like a mole, and his energy is none the less great for being subterranean. His policy has two main ends - to obtain by hook or by crook those goods which the operation of the Black List is supposed to bar from his doors, and to destroy the internal communications of the country in the hope that the supplies of meat and grain may be prevented from leaving the Argentine shores, and thus fail to reach the depots of the Allies in Europe.

In the former endeavour it is necessary for the German to employ a certain number of neutral agents, the goods passing from one hand to another until it is reasonable to suppose that their tracks have been lost by those bona-fide British and neutral firms to whom the goods were consigned in the first instance. That the attempts have been fairly successful is attested by the regrettable fact that many of the German warehouses that in theory should be empty are only too amply stocked with the goods that enable them to continue their businesses in being. Against this it must be said that the net is being drawn tighter, and that the difficulties in smuggling goods through its meshes are steadily increasing.

Yours etc.  
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All Saints, Manchester,  
September 25.

**Search powers**  
From Lord Houghton of Sowerby, CH  
Sir, The RSPCA claim (report, September 26) that their inspectors should be given "similar powers of entry to the police" raises serious questions of public policy. The right of entry carries with it the right to gain entry by force and all that may follow from that. Parliament is naturally very sensitive to the widening scope and use of incursions into our civil liberties.

In the fight against crime we have come to tolerate more irritations and indignities at the hands of growing numbers of police and public officials armed with these powers. Nevertheless, we must surely draw the line at extending them to the staff of charitable and other self-appointed bodies upon whom rests no statutory duty and who are not subject to supervision by, or accountable to, any public authority.

The supportive role of these bodies to law enforcement is valuable and enjoys wide public approval. I suggest it is not more power to the RSPCA we need but a more vigorous enforcement of the law by the police, whose statutory duty it is and who already have the powers necessary for the task.

I am, Sir,  
HOUGHTON OF SOWERBY,  
House of Lords,  
September 29.

**'Shane' in Welsh**  
From Mr Huw H. Davies  
Sir, The article, "Can TV rescue the language?", in your "Focus" supplement on Wales (September 25) gave the impression that it was Sianel Pedwar Cymru, S4C, that first experimented with dubbing Hollywood films into the Welsh language.

The writer refers specifically to the film *Shane*, starring Alan Ladd. In fact, *Shane* was one of three world-renowned feature films dubbed into Welsh and shown on HTV Wales in September, 1978 - over four years prior to the setting up of S4C.

While the screening of *Shane* in Welsh may have brought "howls of protest", as your correspondent puts it, from some viewers, it was, nevertheless, welcomed by others as a bold experiment in Welsh language entertainment.

Yours faithfully,  
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**Without fire**  
From Mr A. E. Day  
Sir, Travelling Inter-City Manchester to London in a crowded "smoking" compartment I noticed nobody lit up or puffed away during the entire journey.

Is this (a) a record, (b) becoming increasingly normal, (c) too slight a statistical base from which to draw conclusions?

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**Taking it literally**  
From Mr A.D. Moin  
Sir, In London this today I saw a poster stating "Graffiti is vandalism - vandalism is a crime". I wanted to cross out the first "is" and write "are": should I have?

Yours faithfully,  
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September 25.

# ON THIS DAY

OCTOBER 2 1918  
The German offensive in the Second Battle of the Marne was halted in mid-July and an Allied counter-attack during the second half of the month was successful. News reached Argentina more quickly than that country's reaction reached Britain.

# ARGENTINE JOY AT ALLIED VICTORY.

## GERMAN CONSPIRACIES.

(From Our Special Correspondent)  
BUENOS AIRES, July 25.  
When brought into contact with the everyday life of Buenos Aires, it is difficult to believe that one is breathing a neutral atmosphere. Allied flags are everywhere; practically the entire Press rejoices with open enthusiasm at the news of the Allied victory, and the Fourteenth of July was marked by a gigantic procession, which passed along proudly beflagged streets, and which occupied more than half an hour in passing a given point. Today there are Argentine girls in the streets of this capital selling flowers for the benefit of the Allied wounded. It is believed, one of the first experiments in the science of "flag-days", but it may be taken for granted that it will not be the last.

When the news first arrived here of the dramatic turn of fortune on the Marne and the rolling back of the Hun forces I was walking down the Calle Florida, the principal street of Buenos Aires. Newspaper boys were shouting the latest developments with enthusiasm, and at a corner of the street the events were being chalked up on a large blackboard. It might have been a victory for the Argentine cause. As a matter of fact, every Argentine in that crowded street - and with sufficient good reason - was convinced on that point. They clapped each other on the back, and waved their hats, and on every side were faces that were quite honestly radiant.

It was only one of innumerable episodes of the kind. In Buenos Aires, at all events, it is difficult to realize that one is in the midst of a people who are officially neutral. This applies at all events, to the ethics of ordinary life and to the surface of the public existence. But the German is here. At odd spots his traces are discernible even above ground. His principal club, burned and gutted by a justly indignant crowd, has been rebuilt; here and there, but rarely, you may catch cautiously spoken phrases in German, and at three or four street-corners are the sellers of the German newspapers who draw out - one imagines shamefacedly - the words *Tageblatt* and *La Union*. . . they are heroic in a sordid fashion, for they suffer from a marked lack of popularity, and their voices persist with a fatigued sound. Nevertheless they are there, and they are to be reckoned with in the life of Buenos Aires.

**Working like a mole**  
In Buenos Aires - whatever may be the case in some of the outer provinces - there is very little more than this that meets the eye of the casual stroller through the streets. Nevertheless, the German is here in his thousands. He is working like a mole, and his energy is none the less great for being subterranean. His policy has two main ends - to obtain by hook or by crook those goods which the operation of the Black List is supposed to bar from his doors, and to destroy the internal communications of the country in the hope that the supplies of meat and grain may be prevented from leaving the Argentine shores, and thus fail to reach the depots of the Allies in Europe.

In the former endeavour it is necessary for the German to employ a certain number of neutral agents, the goods passing from one hand to another until it is reasonable to suppose that their tracks have been lost by those bona-fide British and neutral firms to whom the goods were consigned in the first instance. That the attempts have been fairly successful is attested by the regrettable fact that many of the German warehouses that in theory should be empty are only too amply stocked with the goods that enable them to continue their businesses in being. Against this it must be said that the net is being drawn tighter, and that the difficulties in smuggling goods through its meshes are steadily increasing.

Yours etc.  
A. E. DAY,  
Manchester Polytechnic,  
Faculty of Community Studies,  
Department of Library and Information Studies,  
All Saints, Manchester,  
September 25.

**Search powers**  
From Lord Houghton of Sowerby, CH  
Sir, The RSPCA claim (report, September 26) that their inspectors should be given "similar powers of entry to the police" raises serious questions of public policy. The right of entry carries with it the right to gain entry by force and all that may follow from that. Parliament is naturally very sensitive to the widening scope and use of incursions into our civil liberties.

In the fight against crime we have come to tolerate more irritations and indignities at the hands of growing numbers of police and public officials armed with these powers. Nevertheless, we must surely draw the line at extending them to the staff of charitable and other self-appointed bodies upon whom rests no statutory duty and who are not subject to supervision by, or accountable to, any public authority.

The supportive role of these bodies to law enforcement is valuable and enjoys wide public approval. I suggest it is not more power to the RSPCA we need but a more vigorous enforcement of the law by the police, whose statutory duty it is and who already have the powers necessary for the task.

I am, Sir,  
HOUGHTON OF SOWERBY,  
House of Lords,  
September 29.

**'Shane' in Welsh**  
From Mr Huw H. Davies  
Sir, The article, "Can TV rescue the language?", in your "Focus" supplement on Wales (September 25) gave the impression that it was Sianel Pedwar Cymru, S4C, that first experimented with dubbing Hollywood films into the Welsh language.

The writer refers specifically to the film *Shane*, starring Alan Ladd. In fact, *Shane* was one of three world-renowned feature films dubbed into Welsh and shown on HTV Wales in September, 1978 - over four years prior to the setting up of S4C.

While the screening of *Shane* in Welsh may have brought "howls of protest", as your correspondent puts it, from some viewers, it was, nevertheless, welcomed by others as a bold experiment in Welsh language entertainment.

Yours faithfully,  
HUW H. DAVIES,  
Director of Programmes,  
HTV Wales,  
HTV Limited,  
The Television Centre,  
Culverhouse Cross, Cardiff.

**Without fire**  
From Mr A. E. Day  
Sir, Travelling Inter-City Manchester to London in a crowded "smoking" compartment I noticed nobody lit up or puffed away during the entire journey.

Is this (a) a record, (b) becoming increasingly normal, (c) too slight a statistical base from which to draw conclusions?

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**Taking it literally**  
From Mr A.D. Moin  
Sir, In London this today I saw a poster stating "Graffiti is vandalism - vandalism is a crime". I wanted to cross out the first "is" and write "are": should I have?

Yours faithfully,  
ALEX MAIN,  
8 Caldecote Road,  
Silton,  
Peterborough, Cambridgeshire,  
September 25.



Science report

Proof likely of gravity wave

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

There is a rekindling of excitement among astronomers in the possibility of detecting gravity waves from the collapse of a star within our own galaxy or some even more catastrophic event in the cosmos.

The idea that pulses of gravitational energy sweep through the Universe in a way comparable to visible light, and other forms of radiant energy from radio waves to X-rays, comes from predictions by Einstein as part of his general theory of relativity.

That event occurs about once every 30 years. More advanced bar instruments have been devised at the European Laboratory for Particle Physics, CERN, in Geneva, and at Stanford University, in California.

OBITUARY LORD KALDOR

Economist with strong political commitment



Lord Kaldor, FBA, the economist who was special adviser to Labour administrations in the 1960s and 1970s, died on September 30. He was 78.

He was one of the brightest to the Cambridge constellation of post-Keynesian economists, and throughout his working life he fought against the American neo-classical school, which was undermining what he regarded as the true Keynesian tradition.

Whether as teacher, academic colleague or temporary civil servant, he had the great quality of treating everyone alike and arguing every point on its merits. He could annoy and irritate, but most people ended by feeling affection for him.

He was exceptional well informed, there was some mystery about the sources of his information because he did not appear to be reading. He knew the classics but did not read the journals. He had a remarkable sense of the meaning of figures, without ever learning mathematics.

He also had a considerable general culture, which was most apparent when he was in female company. His appetites were strong and conspicuous. His capacity for sleep was extraordinary. He could go to sleep at any time of day and in any company - during a convivial social occasion or a meeting of permanent secretaries - and wake up at a crucial moment, which might be the moment his name was mentioned.

Nicholas Kaldor was born in Budapest on May 12, 1908, the son of a successful lawyer. Despite his father's wish that he should follow him to the law, he went to Berlin to read economics.

Since 1934 there had been a flood of published work which continued with little diminution for nearly half a century. He is one of the very few economists to have made outstanding contributions both to economic theory and to economic policy.

As time went on he tended to leave the work of refining and elaborating his ideas mainly to bands of disciples. While these were still scribbling away at the detail, he would be hot on the trail of some new theory. Indeed, in his later years, the rate at which new, and to some extent mutually inconsistent, Kaldorian growth models came on to the market was a matter of some embarrassment to the scribes.

But he excelled in simple powerful innovating ideas. Among those were his suggestion as early as 1939 that the activity of an economic system does not oscillate about one position of stable equilibrium, but staggers to and fro.

In his inaugural lecture as Professor at Cambridge in 1966, he put forward the idea that the growth-rate of no industrial economy depends on the rate of growth of its manufacturing sector, and that this in turn depended on the availability both of an expanding market for its products, and of a large source of additional labour.

Kaldor returned to academic life in 1949, having been appointed to a Fellowship at King's College, Cambridge. Three years later he was elected to a Readership and was, in 1966, awarded a personal Chair in Economics, which he held until he reached the retiring age in 1975.

He had, in 1963, been elected a Fellow of the British Academy. In 1970 he acted as president of the Economics Section of the British Association, and from 1974 to 1976 he was president of the Royal Economic Society. In 1970 he was made an Honorary Fellow of the London School of Economics.

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE. October 1: Lady Abel Smith has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to the Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE. October 1: The Princess Anne, Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight, was attended by Lt-Col Sir Simon Bland.

A memorial service for Sir Robert Lancaster will be held at St Paul's, Covent Garden, at noon today.

A memorial service for Dame Adelaide Doughty will be held at Holy Trinity, Brompton, at noon today.

A memorial service for Captain R.E.D. Ryder, VC, RN, will be held at Holy Trinity, Prince Consort Road, Kensington, at 2 p.m. today.

A funeral service for Elizabeth, Viscountess Cobham will be held at the parish church of St Peter, Budleigh Salterton, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 4.

COURT AND SOCIAL

represented by Mrs Michael Harvey at the Memorial Service for Sir Charles Chadwyck-Healey which was held in Chelsea Old Church, Cheyne Walk, London SW3, today.

The Duke of Gloucester, President, National Association of Boys' Clubs, this morning St Albans' Village and in the afternoon visited Boys' Clubs in the Rhondda Valley, Wales.

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Birthdays today

Marshall of the RAF Sir Dermot Boyle, 82; Lord Davies, 66; Lord Justice Dillon, 61; Mr Peter Frankl, 51; Professor R. C. Graveson, QC, 75; Mr Graham Greene, OM, 82; Mr Eric Hosking, 77; Lieutenant-Colonel G.W.F. Luttrell, 67; Mr Vivian Ryder, 73; Mr Stuart Rose, 75; the Most Rev Robert Runcie, 65; Mr John Russell, 72; Mr Justice Scott, 52; Vice-Admiral Sir Anthony Tippet, 58; Lord Todd, OM, 79; Mr Lloyd Turner, 48; Air Marshal Geoffrey Tuto, 60; Professor J.H. Whitfield, 80; Lieutenant-Colonel E.C.T. Wilson, VC, 74.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.A.R. Boyle and Miss F.E.M. Ramsay. The engagement is announced between Robert Boyle, Irish Guards, elder son of Captain Michael and Lady Nell Boyle, of Ashe, Basingstoke, and Fiona, youngest daughter of Colonel George Ramsay, of The Old School House, The Square, Elham, Kent, and Mrs J.R. Anderson, of Lodge Farm, Sharncliffe, Leeds, Suffolk.

Mr R.M.L. Lea and Miss E.A. Lees-Spaulding. The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Vice-Admiral Sir John and Lady Lea of Hayling Island, and Elizabeth, younger daughter of Rear-Admiral and Mrs L. Lees-Spaulding, of Wonston, Winchester.

Captain W.R. Rolfe and Miss A.E. Guinness. The engagement is announced between William Rolfe, The Blues and Royals, son of Mr Andrew Rolfe and the late Mrs Rolfe, of Collyer, Wiltshire, and Annabel, daughter of Sir Howard and Lady Guinness, of The Manor House, Glauville, Wootton, Sherborne, Dorset.

Mr A. Nye and Miss J.A. Posnett. The engagement is announced between A. Nye, of West Yarmouth, Massachusetts, and Janina, daughter of Sir Richard and Lady Posnett of Godalming, Surrey.

Major R.H.T. Aitken and Miss J.D. Napier. The engagement is announced between Robert Hanbury, Teulon Aitken, Royal Regiment of Wales, son of Mr and Mrs H.K. Aitken, Croxall, Gwent, and Joanna Dawn, elder daughter of Major-General and Mrs L.H. Napier, of Monmouth, Gwent.

Mr M.H.M. Beales and Miss A.M. McGonigal. The engagement is announced between Mark Henry Maxwell, son of Dr John Beales, of Hertfordshire, and Mrs Bruce Dawson, of London, and Alice Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Beales, of Goring, Oxfordshire, and Mrs J. Beales, of Lamberhurst, Kent.

Mr N.R. Blackley and Miss S.V. Porter. The engagement is announced between Neil Ramsay, son of Major S.R. Blackley, OBE, and Mrs D.D. Blackley, of New Galloway, Scotland, and Susan Valerie, daughter of Mr and Mrs K.L. Porter, of Reading, Berkshire.

Mr S. Crewe and Miss J.E. Martin. The engagement is announced between Seth, only son of Mr and Mrs S. Crewe, of Thames Valley, London, and Mrs J.E. Martin, of Reading, Berkshire.

Mr T.M. Pitts and Miss A.E. Sotiriades. The engagement is announced between Thomas, only son of Mr and Mrs Michael Pitts, of Greece, and Anna, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Louis Sotiriades, of London.

Judges' Service

The Lord Chancellor read the lesson at the annual Judges' Service held in Westminster Abbey yesterday to mark the opening of the Michaelmas sittings. The Dean of Westminster officiated. The Lord Chief Justice, the Master of the Rolls, the President of the Family Division, the Vice-Chancellor and other judges were present. Visiting judges and lawyers from overseas were also present.

Lord Chancellor's Breakfast was held afterwards in the Royal Gallery of the House of Lords by permission of the Queen.

Board of Deputies of British Jews. Dr Lionel Kopelovitz, President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, and the honorary officers were hosts at a luncheon at Wolsey in honour of the wives of representatives of European, American and Canadian bars and law societies and of European institutions attending the annual judges' breakfast.

Dinner. Miss Lucia Gollancz, chairman of Victoria Gollancz, gave a dinner on September 30 at the Club in honour of J.M. Stewart (Michael Innes) on the occasion of his eightieth birthday. Among those present were Sir Simon Brett, Mr and Mrs David Ferguson, Mr and Mrs David Innes, Miss Jan Morris, Mr and Mrs Anthony Price, Mr Hilary Munkittrick, Mr and Mrs Julian Symonds, Mr and Mrs Anthony Gollancz, and Miss Mary Kay Wilmer.

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. Mr Derek A. Boothman, President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, and members of the council gave a luncheon yesterday at Chartered Accountants' Hall. The guests were the Lord Mayor, Sir Allan Davis, Alderman and Sheriff Hugh Bidwell, and aldermen and officers of the Corporation.

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Watching the first part of E.F. Benson's *Paying Guests* (BBC2) was like finding oneself on the set of an interminable game of Cluedo. By the close, one slightly wanted to handle everyone into the conservatory, turn on the light and plunge in after them, with lead pipe, revolver, rope and candlestick.

Produced by Rosemary Hill, and purporting to be a tale of middle-aged love amongst the monkey-puzzles, Thomas Ellice's adaptation created like the hip-joints of those convalescing at the Westworth Guest House. They numbered the hypochondriac Mr Kemp, who first felt the twinge on March 3, 1920; the bicycle freak Colonel Chase (played a shade too bullishly by Robert Hardy); the piano-playing watercolourist Miss Howard (played by her of the permanently beautiful grin, Angela Thorne); and a couple who snorted sinisterly over their triangles of toast.

Apart from a bedside sequence between Mr Kemp and his estranged daughter, and Colonel Chase's rendition of his life in the jungle, this was a plain tale that pinked along with no particular charm or wit.

When in 1914 John Williamson showed *Under the Sea* by Photophone on Broadway, the critics "exploded in praise" at the first motion picture ever taken of the ocean floor. Today, this world of "liquid love" — as his hyperbolic commentary had it — seems curiously uninteresting. Shot in the Bahamas, where monsters roam in the icy darkness, the footage of parrot fish and corals included in *Travellers in Time* (BBC2) failed to convey what a deep thrill this must have been. Much more interesting, sociologically, were the pictures of Williamson's wife typing away at the bottom of a 100-foot tube and his tiny daughter waving through the glass at a negro diver. Other choice moments were the capture of a shark, and the sight of two men staggering through "the gripping ooze" in primitive diving suits.

Nicholas Shakespeare

THE NEW MEN AT COVENT GARDEN: Anthony Dowell, artistic director of the Royal Ballet, tells John Percival of his hopes and plans for the future  
Getting back to the great tradition

When the Royal Ballet opens its new season at Covent Garden on Wednesday, with Anthony Dowell in charge as director, it will be the third major British dance company to have changed its leadership within two years. Peter Schaufuss brought about a quick change in London Festival Ballet's personnel, touring schedules and programmes. Richard Alston transformed Ballet Rambert's repertoire even more quickly. By contrast, there is no change of policy readily apparent in the season's prospectus at Covent Garden, rather a shift of emphasis which might grow more obvious if continued in future years.

Dowell readily agreed when I suggested that was so. "Of course I inherited some commitments, planned well ahead. It takes a long time to make changes in an organization as big as this," he said — and then, with a twinkle in his eye, added: "Even if I wanted to."

He is a child of the Royal Ballet, brought up in its school, spending almost all his dancing career with the company except for a brief sojourn with American Ballet Theatre. And his approach to his new responsibilities draws on his experience. Consequently, he says, "There were certain things I wanted to restore. I was eager to get back some of Ashton's ballets that had not been given lately, and I am very happy that he has agreed to *La Valse* and *Symphonic Variations*." (The former is to be given on opening night, the other follows 10 days later.)

Dowell has also persuaded Jerome Robbins to revive *The Concert* and to give the company another of his works, the *Shostakovich Opus 19*, subtitled *The Dreamer* since New York City Ballet showed it at Covent Garden in 1979. That is not the end of Dowell's hopes in this area, having himself experienced the stimulus that Robbins's exigent working methods can bring to a dancer. "I wanted to get back some of the Balanchine repertoire too, and had discussions with people in New York about this, but there wasn't a healthy slot for rehearsals this season so we have postponed it. The Royal Ballet's commitments to touring are a complication in scheduling new productions."

Dowell is reluctant to say anything yet about another major work from the Royal Ballet's past which he is already trying to bring back into the repertoire, perhaps next season. He also has new ballets to offer this season by the company's own choreographers, notably David Bintley, who has just been appointed resident choreographer, and in the longer term another three-act ballet by Kenneth MacMillan. However, his own attention at



Photograph of Anthony Dowell by Ross Drinkwater

present is concentrated on *Swan Lake*, to be given a new production in March. Why has he chosen to direct it himself? "I have danced in a lot of different productions, and I am conscious of the changes that have been made, especially of the way the music has been altered to fit different contexts. I thought I might try to do it myself."

The designer of the new production is Yolanda Sonnabend. She has done many ballets, but never one of the old classics. Dowell is enjoying their collaboration. "Where people will notice most difference is in the first act, which we are setting in Russia in Tchaikovsky's time. The white acts, of course, are fairly timeless anyway, and Act III will take place at one of the costume balls which were popular then, so there will be dresses and masks from different periods and countries."

want them, and they are important for the dancers too." But he is conscious that dancers also need new works, to know the satisfaction of "something created on your own body, where you can play a part in its creation."

Will he be looking for any other outside choreographers? "I want to travel and see what other companies are doing, but first I have to watch our own dancers. When somebody is doing a new role I must be there, or they can complain 'You didn't even see what I could do.'" He makes no secret that standards are his chief concern. At the school, and in his early days in the company, he experienced a discipline and concentration which he found beneficial to his development. "We are living in a different world, but I have to find a way to pass on what I learnt and give all the dancers pride in their work."

One contribution towards this will be continuing to bring in guest teachers. "We had a very generous gift to pay for teachers and coaches and have tried out a lot of different people. Some of them I did not know before, and I have formed my own opinions; there are others still to come. Then we shall try to have back those who can give something we need." Dowell still does class with the dancers ("if only for health reasons") and will be up on stage with them whenever possible, even though "my selfish dancing days are over — the time when everything else would be sacrificed to preparing for a big role." But he will take on smaller parts. "That is the way I can relate to the other dancers, to be close to them and understand their problems."

He is introducing a newcomer to the ranks of principal dancers this season, Cynthia Harvey, whom Dowell partnered with American Ballet Theatre. And there will still be guest stars when the opportunity arises. But chiefly Dowell is looking to his own resources. A quiet, thoughtful man, he looks back on his own dancing days and is conscious of good fortune in getting both new and standard roles, of the happy timing of his American experience and of the importance of pattern, order, the right opportunity at the right time. Now he is the one who must plan that for others, the one they look to for guidance. He is thankful to have had two transitional years as associate director, finding out just what the job entails.

I asked whether he could sum up his hopes for the company in one sentence. Reflectively, he replied: "I was at the barre in class the other day; I looked at the young boys from the school and thought: there's some good stuff here." His warm smile added that he intends to make the best he can of it.



The Dauphine's inner chamber in its new guise  
Charlotte Mosley reports from Versailles on the restoration of 'the world's most magnificent royal residence'

Purist perfection

In June this year a new suite of rooms was inaugurated at Versailles to coincide with the retirement of the curator, Pierre Lemoine. Four months later his post has yet to be filled. This is a difficult job in a country where historic and artistic passions run high. Many violent quarrels have taken place just where art and politics intersect. The debate about the Eiffel Tower, the Right Bank expressway and, more recently, the Buren Columns at the Palais Royal spring to mind. The job of chief curator at Versailles is as politically loaded as any in France. This too doubt accounts for the delay in naming a successor.

In the meantime, the legacy of Lemoine's term of office can be seen in the redecorated rooms. If your last visit to Versailles left you surfeited with rich hangings, carvings and gilding, then these rooms will revive your appetite for the French 18th century. After eight years' patient restoration and the expense of some £10 million, 38 rooms of the ground floor of the oldest part of the chateau have been put back to what they were in 1789 when the royal family left the palace for ever.

The inauguration took place with all the pomp and ceremony and huge crowds that befit the world's most magnificent royal residence, but it has had relatively little attention from the French press. The opening of a suite of rooms at Fontainebleau at the same time received wide coverage while Versailles seemed to have passed almost unnoticed. This is partly because the rooms concerned were not designed for the sovereign but for his children and grandchildren: the Dauphine and Dauphine, Madame Adelaide, Madame Victoire and Marie-Antoinette. The décor is not therefore as sumptuous as in the King's and Queen's apartments.

There has been a shift away from the spectacular and theatrical re-creation of a glimpse for some of the greatest events in French history to a purist, more art-historical reconstruction of the past. This is reflected in the new rooms. The furniture is of the highest quality, often commissioned for the chateau itself. This leaves some of the rooms rather bare, but no doubt they will be filled over the years and chandeliers will be found for the many hooks waiting tantalizingly on the ceilings — sometimes six in a room. The paintings and furniture are immaculately la-

belled and follow the chronology of the rooms. Thus the visit begins with a delightful portrait of Louis XIV as a child by Rigaud and ends with Madame Vigée-Le-Brun's famous portrait of Marie-Antoinette. The most important of the recent restorations was the raising of the level of the marble courtyard around which the newly opened rooms radiate. In the 1830s, when Versailles became a museum under Louis-Philippe, the courtyard and the rooms around it were lowered to the same level as the rooms giving on to the garden on the other side. This was because the chateau was no foundations and was suffering from damp. The damp may have been cured, but at the cost of distorting the proportions of the rooms and its disfiguring the exquisite brick and stone facade; the columns were left floating unasily some three feet above the courtyard. There is only one area where the 18th-century chronology has not been respected: Madame Sophie's apartment which occupied the central section remains unrestored. Instead a long stone gallery designed by Le Vau in 1669 which lies directly below the Hall of Mirrors has been rebuilt. This was a bold piece of restoration since little remained of the gallery after Louis XV and Louis-Philippe's various transformations. Above the doors in the east walls traces of a stone carving have been uncovered. The spirit of the purist has rightly prevented any attempt at re-creating the carving, but over the opposite doors, where there would have been a matching motif, its outline has been suggested by stone blocks. These look like bad Mexican sculpture and the overdoors would have been better left bare.

It will be interesting to see whether the next curator will continue to take a purist approach to the never-ending task of restoration, or whether there will be a swing back to the more flamboyant style of Gerald van der Kemp, curator until 1980. Whatever happens is likely to be controversial, as Mme Hoog, curator of sculpture, knows to her cost. She would dearly like to see the absurd equestrian statue of Louis XIV in the royal courtyard removed. But all attempts to get rid of the monument of majesty sitting on a horse the size of a Shaggy pony have met with threatening letters and outraged telephone calls.

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Descriptive power

Siegfried  
Covent Garden/  
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With Welsh National Opera's Ring now three-quarters past, it is appropriate to consider more carefully the achievement of the conductor Richard Armstrong and the WNO orchestra. A solid, professional achievement it certainly is, too; there have been few lapses in intonation or ensemble, and the brass solo work has been particularly secure.

Conductor and players have seemed happiest when required to apply raw musical vigour for descriptive ends. The giants' entry, the killing of Siegmund, the re-forging of Nothung: all these have inspired powerful playing, and in *Siegfried* the same quality of naturalistic flair was brought to the Act I prelude (Wagner's wonderfully lugubrious evocation of thick forest gloom — unfortunately not accompanied by so much as a single symbolic twig on stage), the woodbird's calls and the hero's exuberant horn fanfare.

What was still more pleasing in *Siegfried*, however, was Armstrong's increasingly confident shaping of the music when it depicts inner emotions rather than external pictorialism. The Act I Wotan/Mime confrontation

is the powerful plaintiveness of Jane Leslie MacKenzie as Micaëla. Sergei Leiferkus cannot be blamed for the odd effect of a Russian matador, but there is also a lack of thrill and finish in his voice that keeps his Escamillo sturdy. Gary Backlund as Don José suggests much more the innocent abroad than the man inflamed. He has kept the blond locks of his Parsifal, and vocally too he seems to be fighting at the wrong weight.

The chorus sings well, even if the production prevents the women from living up to some of the most erotic music ever imagined (what can Mr Vick think the opera is about?), and John Mauceri gives sure hints of what a fine, precise account of the score he might deliver with a better orchestra. Anthony Burgess's commissioned translation has a few new jokes along with the old ones.



Jeffrey Lawton's flinging innocence as Siegfried

also suited Jeffrey Lawton's impatient, wild-boy portrayal of the title-role. There was an uncomplicated revolutionary excitement about his forging of the sword and about his insouciant gesture of flinging gold-dust over his vanquished elders, matched by an heroic strength of vocal tone that only lacks a complementary lyrical ardour. There is something a little studied and unnatural about his head-voice, brought out for his musings about mother. His dialogue with the woodbird (here sung with piping penetration by a boy in the Simon Pike) was treated winningly like a huge joke, and his casual tossing of the ring in the air at Act II's conclusion, like a lad playing catch, nicely symbolized his total innocence of his murky past.

Richard Morrison

John Harris's Mime needed to be less of an old rascal, more of a real nasty — otherwise Siegfried becomes the nasty for killing him. But his delivery was incisive, as was Nicholas Folwell's dark-timbered Alberich, whose voice was better focused than in *Ringold*. John Tranter sang Father well, though the dragon did seem to offer himself for the kill rather easily. It had been announced that Anne Evans was ill, but one would never have known, so tenderly and vibrantly did this Brünnhilde greet the sunrise and her awakening love.

Madam Butterfly  
Coliseum

Graham Vick's split-level production of *Madam Butterfly* still has a lot going for it. As the new *Mikado* has shown, Stefano Lazaridis as designer needs only a sniff of Japan to trigger his imagination. He has provided a set whose symbolic display answers perfectly, and rather more gracefully, Puccini's aural signposting of the translucent shadow-play of white, ritual Japan above, and the murky corporeality of western reality below.

With its fast-moving screens, constantly opening, closing and arcing, this is the sort of discifice which works cleverly enough as the decorative veneer of a performance of musical and dramatic substance. So it was in its first two years. Now its tendency to the simplistic and its inherent over-husyness do seem intrusive, and I fear it is because there is simply not enough to bear it up elsewhere.

Its stylishness is blunted, possibly due to the fact that Mr Vick has not been around this time to supervise the staging. What worries me, though, is the lack of discrimination in the pit: Michael Lloyd is too content to follow rather than lead, and too often it is the score, rather than the singers, which follows. As a result the orchestra plays at an even, albeit robust, level throughout, supporting the cast sturdily rather than searchingly.

And this cast does need that sort of help. Rosamund Lilling, from Australia, makes her house debut as the new Butterfly. The voice has all the decibels, but hard, glottal vowels at the start of a word, and an ungainly brittleness of inflexion, do little either for Puccini's meticulously tapered phrasing or for the intense vulnerability of the character. Where the orchestra too often fails her, David Readdall, returning as Pinkerton, offers robust support. His is a Pinkerton with little more passion than this Butterfly has charm; but the role is honestly thought through and capably, often potently, sung. Support, too, is there in Anne-Marie Owens's matronly Suzuki and, obliquely, in Rodney Macann's Sharpless. He paces his part well enough; with furrowed brow he looks ill at ease with the whole business.

Paul Griffiths Hilary Finch Martin Cropper

Carmen  
Theatre Royal,  
Glasgow

We are rather a long way from the Mediterranean in Graham Vick's new production of *Carmen* for Scottish Opera. There is no scenery: only a forbidding great platform of chairs around a platform of bare boards. Even the costumes, by Michael Yeargan, are unconvincing, and though a performance of passion might well be given within this

austerity, here the flame of the work burns steadily and low. The frequent use of the revolve and the excessively choreographed movement makes this a production of posed tableaux, while the staging of highly charged dialogues as sit-down chats, not least in the final act, looks like a willful avoidance of the issue. This is a production without the utterly necessary qualities of sharpness and risk, a production that is desperately undersexed. Its closest approach to sensuality, bizarrely enough,

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# Book collection that 'grew and grew'

By A Staff Reporter

The Prince of Wales and other eminent children's writers today launch an appeal for £500,000 to keep the last great private collection of children's books in England. The Opie Collection, put together over a 40-year period by Peter and Iona Opie, contains more than 20,000 books and other works published for children and is worth at least £1 million.

The Opies started collecting for *The Oxford Dictionary of Nursery Rhymes*, first published in 1951. Their collection grew and grew to take in toys, games, oral lore and anything that shed light on the continually fugitive world of children.

They were ahead of their time and the market. In their researches into the foggy depths of eighteenth-century children's literature, they acquired such impossible treasures as a unique second edition of *Little Goody Two-Shoes* (1766), a dozen or two lesser works glowing like new in their beautiful bindings and one of the most important nursery-rhyme books ever published: *Tommy Thumb's Song Book*, published in 1794 and crucial to understanding the development of English nursery rhymes.

The Opies hoped their collections might form a Museum of Childhood, but the project ended when Peter died in 1981 and Iona decided to sell the children's books as a whole. Oxford was the obvious repository, because the *Dictionary of Nursery Rhymes* started in the Bodleian, and the Oxford University Press published all the Opies' subsequent books of child lore that grew from it. Iona has offered the collection to the Bodleian for £500,000.

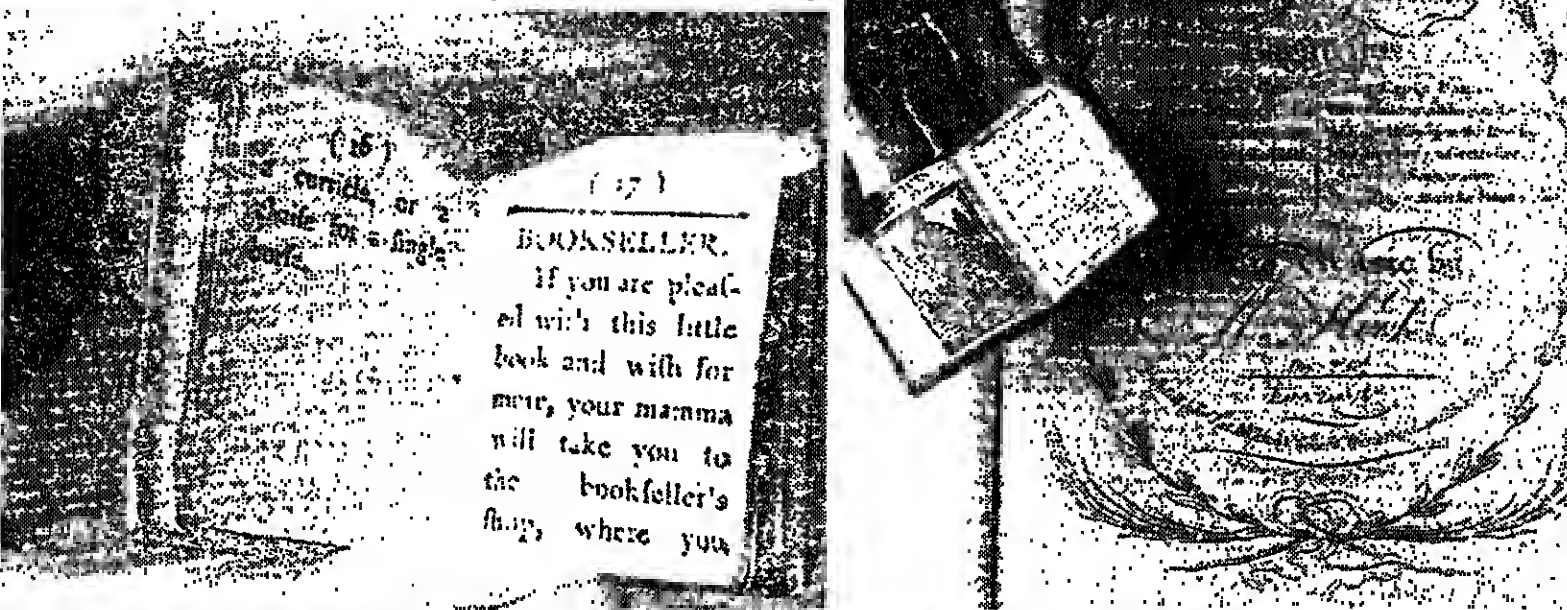
The majestic strength of English children's literature is now better represented in collections in the United States than here.

The handsome opportunity offered by Iona Opie will not come one way again. All Tom Thumbs, George Porgies, and other good children will be keeping their sticky fingers crossed that the Prince of Wales, the other sponsors, and the Friends of the Bodleian will find enough nursery Maecenas, or geese that lay golden eggs, to keep the great collection here.

Photographs: Harry Kerr



Some of the books in the Opie collection, photographed in the Bodleian Library.



Susan Clayworth, a trainee librarian, reads *Little Folk* (1875).

A tiny book, *Various Trades* (1802), *St Paul's Cathedral* (1741) and *Book of Nursery Rhymes and Music* (1797) give an idea of the collection's scope.

## Frank Johnson with Labour Fight for soul of commentary box

The main event of yesterday's proceedings at the Labour conference was the debate on the nuclear power industry.

The debate was impassioned and the arguments finely balanced. Or at least, that was how it appeared on television. Because the Wapping dispute has meant that we of *The Times* are this year banned from the conference hall, we have been watching it on television.

After two days in which, with a general election coming closer and closer, they had driven to present a relatively united front to the electorate, the debate on energy revealed once more the split which, after all, is what, in the eyes of the country, Labour conferences are traditionally about: the old struggle between Sir Robin Day and Mr Vincent Hanna.

As the vote was being taken at the end of the debate, Mr Arthur Scargill appeared among the swirl of delegates. Sir Robin mused that the debate had represented something of a bounce-back on the part of Mr Scargill.

Mr Hanna: "I suspect, no, Robin."

Mr Hanna, who is seen as being on the soft left of the BBC, went on to say something about there not being much evidence that people were paying much attention to Mr Scargill in the party now.

Mr Scargill (Old Right) bided his time. The camera focused on Mr William Jordan, the new leader of the engineers' union, who, although turned 50, looks much younger.

Mr Hanna referred to the "young" Mr Jordan, but added: "Well, not young. He's a grandfather."

Sir Robin: "There are a lot of young grandfathers."

Mr Hanna: "I'm not qualified to say."

After a while, the viewer becomes fascinated by this struggle for the soul of the BBC commentary box. Another figure to the tense situation is Mr David Dimbleby (extreme centre). He pursues a Kionock-like strategy of depicting himself as the nice one among a team of brutes. But sometimes he shows a hint of steel. "And now over to Vincent Hanna," said Sir Robin yesterday, to which the reply was: "It's David Dimbleby, actually, as arranged."

### THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

#### Today's events

**Royal engagements**  
The Princess of Wales visits the Courtauld Leisurewear Design Studios, 21 Redan Place, W2, 10.05.  
Princess Anne, President, the Royal Bath and West and Southern Counties Society, attends the South Western Dairy Show, Shepton Mallet, 11.45.  
Princess Margaret attends a concert by the Massed Bands of the Royal Air Force, in aid of the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, at the Albert Hall, 7.20.

#### Exhibitions in progress

Recent work by Claudette Johnson including portraits from Moss Side, City Art Gallery, Mosely, St. Manchester, Mon to Sat 10 to 6, Sun 2 to 6 (ends Oct 5).  
R.B. Cunningham-Graham: an exploration of his life: Smith Art Gallery and Museum, Dumbarton Rd, Stirling, Wed to Sun 2 to 5, Sat 10.30 to 5 (ends Oct 26).  
Artists' 303 annual: Butlin Gallery, Dillington College, Wainstree, Somerset, 2 to 5.  
Ceramics by Paul Brown and paintings by Carlo Rossi: The Open Eye Gallery, 75 Cumberland Street, Edinburgh, 10 to 12.

#### harmonic Orchestra: Brangwyn Hall, 7.30.

Organ recital by Jonathan Ross, Williams, Wells Cathedral, 8.  
Piano recital by Gabriele Seidel: The Royal Exchange, Manchester, 1 to 2.  
Concert by the Halle Orchestra, Victoria Hall, Hailey, Stretch, 8.  
Ceramics by Paul Brown and paintings by Carlo Rossi: The Open Eye Gallery, 75 Cumberland Street, Edinburgh, 10 to 12.  
Concert by the Bingham String Quartet, Solihull Library Theatre, 1.  
Recital by Sidonie Winter (mezzo-soprano) and Nigel Foster (piano): St Mary's Church, Aylesbury, Bucks, 1.10.  
Concert by the IMS Prussia Cove Ensemble: St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol, 1.  
10th century social history in the Cotswolds: Ian and Peter by Dr Celia Miller and David Viner. Cotswold Countryside Collection, Northleach, Glos, 7.30.  
The Founding of Ballymena Baptist Church: Cambridge House Boys' School, Ballymena, 7.30.  
Seeds and fruits, by Roy Harding, 1.30. Rod squirrels, by Cumbrina Trust for Nature Conservation, 3.30. Lake District National Park Visitor Centre, Brockhole, Windermere, Cumbria.  
National Garden Festival sculpture, Stoke, Liverpool, Glasgow, Gateshead: Council Chamber, Gateshead Town Hall, 10.30 to 4.00.

#### New books - paperback

**FICTION**  
A Five Year Sentence, by Bernice Rubens (Abacus, £3.50)  
My Life Closed Twice, by Nigel Williams (Faber, £3.50)  
The Luck of the Walls, by E.F. Benson (Penguin, £4.50)  
The Stories of Ronald Blythe (Methuen, £3.50)  
Wait Until Spring, Bandini, by John Fante (Panther, £2.50)  
**NON-FICTION**  
English Misadventures, by Marshall Laird (John Murray, £9.95)  
The Goddess Victoria, by Noel Annan (Chicago University, £9.95)  
The Satyricon, by Petronius, and The Apocolocyntosis, by Seneca, translated and annotated by J.P. Sullivan (Penguin Classics, £3.95)  
The Sonnets and A Lover's Complaint, by William Shakespeare, edited by John Kerrigan (Penguin, £4.95)  
Theatre Works 1973-1985, by Tony Harrison (Penguin, £4.95) PH

#### Roads

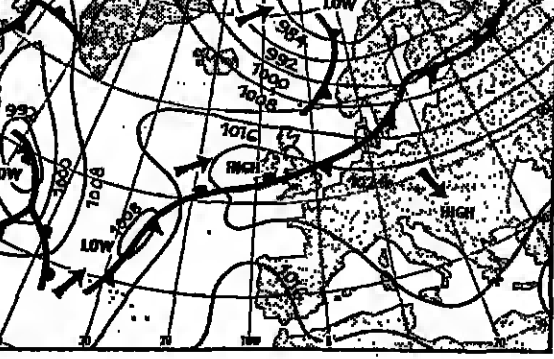
The Midlands: M1: Contraflow continues at junction 20 (A247 Lutetworth). M1: Contraflow between junctions 27 (A608) and 28 (A38) delays in rush hour. A2: Roadworks between junctions 11 and 12, Gloucestershire. A484: Various sets of roadworks continuing at D, Fed, Llanelli.  
The North: M6: Both carriageways and slip roads subject to closure at junction 37 (Cumbria). M61: Construction of new motorway link at Walton Summit; inside lane closures north and southbound. M63: Major widening scheme at Barton Bridge; avoid the area if possible.  
Scotland: M8: Contraflow between Paisley and Erskine; in the Cotswolds lane closed; no access to M89 from the M8. Edinburgh: Various width restrictions in St Mary Street at Holywood, and temporary lights on Bonnington Rd at Tennant Street. A94: Temporary lights N and E of Forfar; care required on approach.  
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#### Anniversaries

Births: Richard III, reigned 1483-85, Fotheringhay Castle, Northamptonshire, 1452; Sir Edward Tylor, anthropologist, London, 1832; Paul van Hindenburg, 2nd president of the Weimar Republic 1925-34, Posen, Prussia (Poznan, Poland), 1847; Ferdinand Foch, Marshal of France, Tarbes, 1851; Sir William Ramsay, chemist, Nobel laureate, 1904, Glasgow, 1852; Mahatma Gandhi, Porbandar, India, 1869; Wallace Stevens, poet Reading, Pennsylvania, 1879.  
Deaths: Samuel Adams, politician, Boston, Massachusetts, 1803; Sarah Edlin (Berlin), miniature painter who was born without arms, hands or legs, Liverpool, 1850; José María de Heredia, poet, Houdan, France, 1905; Sravasthi Arundel, clergywoman, Nobel laureate 1903, Stockholm, 1927; Marcel Duchamp, painter, Neuilly, France, 1968.

#### Weather forecast

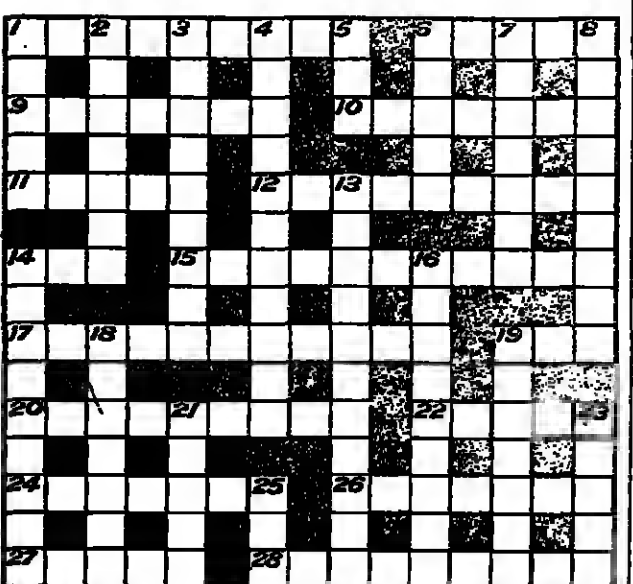
A ridge of high pressure will persist over southern Britain. A weak cold front over southern Scotland and northern England will move very slowly southwards.



#### High Tides

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London Bridge	1.35	6.55	1.52	6.66
Aberdeen	12.42	6.12	1.42	6.60
Newcastle	7.09	11.9	7.17	12.5
Belfast	10.56	3.11	11.03	3.5
Cardiff	6.48	6.11	7.03	11.1
Dunbarton	5.30	5.1	6.43	6.4
Dover	10.49	6.4	11.03	6.4
Falmouth	6.48	6.11	7.03	11.1
Glasgow	12.08	4.5	1.02	4.1
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#### The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,166



**ACROSS**  
1 Signal of little weight (4,5).  
6 Man perhaps makes very little money when retired (5).  
9 In business, company head is a fair target (7).  
10 Saw evidence about nationalised concern (7).  
11 Digs around in the middle of Hampstead Heath (5).  
12 Primarily knights errant that are resolved to cheer up (4,5).  
14 Cook fish (3).  
15 Scene of many a union meeting (6,5).  
17 Showing dexterity, hanged third delinquent (5-6).  
19 One who works hard just to live, they say (3).  
20 In France I drink a second beer inside the city (9).  
22 "Not out", umpire's about to conclude (5).  
24 No girl is rejected by daughter - one of her best friends (7).  
26 Like most services today, acquire too many weapons (7).  
27 For instance, originally you'd place T-bones here (5).  
28 Finish the surface of blue steel (5,4).

**DOWN**  
1 Parson and lute boy are mostly... (5).  
2... about to cry unhappily in paragon (7).  
3 The myopic don't have this great margin (4,5).

#### Children's vigil

On Saturday 365 children will begin a twelve-hour candlelit vigil around the Albert Hall to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Unicef.

#### The pound

Bank	Bank	Bank
Australia	80.5	80.5
Canada	2.37	2.37
Denmark	11.57	11.57
France	6.55	6.55
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Japan	236.00	236.00
Netherlands	3.44	3.44
Spain	165.25	165.25
Sweden	10.37	10.37
Switzerland	2.48	2.48
USA	1.51	1.51
Yugoslavia	750.00	750.00

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#### Lighting-up time

Location	Time
London	7.07 pm to 8.34 am
Birmingham	7.17 pm to 8.44 am
Edinburgh	7.15 pm to 8.43 am
Manchester	7.15 pm to 8.43 am
Pennance	7.28 pm to 8.55 am

#### Yesterday

City	High	Low	Temp
Belfast	14.57	8.57	14.57
Birmingham	13.55	11.55	13.55
Bristol	14.57	8.57	14.57
Cardiff	14.57	8.57	14.57
Edinburgh	14.57	8.57	14.57
Glasgow	14.57	8.57	14.57
London	14.57	8.57	14.57
Manchester	14.57	8.57	14.57
Newcastle	14.57	8.57	14.57
Nottingham	14.57	8.57	14.57
Sheffield	14.57	8.57	14.57
Southampton	14.57	8.57	14.57
Stoke	14.57	8.57	14.57
Wolverhampton	14.57	8.57	14.57
Wrexham	14.57	8.57	14.57

#### Sealink travellers

British Airways has stepped in to save the holidays of travellers stranded by the suspension of Sealink's Weymouth/Channel Islands service yesterday.

#### Around Britain

Region	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
East Coast	10.0	9.5	9.0	8.5	8.0	7.5	7.0
South Coast	9.5	9.0	8.5	8.0	7.5	7.0	6.5
West Coast	9.0	8.5	8.0	7.5	7.0	6.5	6.0
North	8.5	8.0	7.5	7.0	6.5	6.0	5.5
South	8.0	7.5	7.0	6.5	6.0	5.5	5.0
East	7.5	7.0	6.5	6.0	5.5	5.0	4.5
West	7.0	6.5	6.0	5.5	5.0	4.5	4.0
North	6.5	6.0	5.5	5.0	4.5	4.0	3.5
South	6.0	5.5	5.0	4.5	4.0	3.5	3.0
East	5.5	5.0	4.5	4.0	3.5	3.0	2.5
West	5.0	4.5	4.0	3.5	3.0	2.5	2.0
North	4.5	4.0	3.5	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.5
South	4.0	3.5	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.5	1.0
East	3.5	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.5	1.0	0.5
West	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.5	1.0	0.5	0.0
North	2.5	2.0	1.5	1.0	0.5	0.0	-0.5
South	2.0	1.5	1.0	0.5	0.0	-0.5	-1.0
East	1.5	1.0	0.5	0.0	-0.5	-1.0	-1.5
West	1.0	0.5	0.0	-0.5	-1.0	-1.5	-2.0
North	0.5	0.0	-0.5	-1.0	-1.5	-2.0	-2.5
South	0.0	-0.5	-1.0	-1.5	-2.0	-2.5	-3.0
East	-0.5	-1.0	-1.5	-2.0	-2.5	-3.0	-3.5
West	-1.0	-1.5	-2.0	-2.5	-3.0	-3.5	-4.0
North	-1.5	-2.0	-2.5	-3.0	-3.5	-4.0	-4.5
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East	-24.5	-25.0	-25.5	-26.0	-26.5	-27.0	-27.5
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South	-26.0	-26.5	-27.0	-27.5	-28.0		



Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

Table with stock market data including FT 30 Share, FT-SE 100, Bargains, USM (Datastream), THE POUND, US Dollar, W German mark, and Trade-weighted.

BA valued at £1bn

British Airways, due to be privatized early next year, could be sold on a stock market valuation of around £1,000 million, according to a study just published by the stockbrokers Phillips & Drew...

Pressure eases over rates

Pressure for a rise in interest rates again eased yesterday in money markets. Three-month money in the interbank market closed around 10 7/16 per cent compared with 10 1/2 per cent at the previous close.

Fosco drops

Fosco Minsep, the specialty chemicals group, yesterday reported pretax profits for the first six months of 1986 down 25 per cent from £17.7 million to £13.3 million.

Abingworth up

Abingworth, the technology-oriented investment trust, made pretax profits of £504,061 in the year to June 30, against the previous £446,262.

Gibbs resigns

Frank Gibbs has resigned from the board of Northern Engineering Industries, which announced heavy job losses and a major restructuring on Tuesday.

British Gas offers users £250 stake in £5.5bn sale

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

More than 16 million British Gas customers will be offered the guaranteed right to buy at least £250-worth of shares in the biggest stock market flotation so far. Two million potential investors have already made firm inquiries about how they can buy the shares...

Table titled 'The Discount Bonus shareholders qualify for:' showing No of shares, Max cost (£), and Value of discount vouchers (£) for years 1987, 1988, and 1989.

Go-ahead for £300m field

By Our Energy Correspondent

The Government has given British Gas approval to develop its South Morecambe gas field at a cost of £300 million. Most of the money will be spent in British offshore construction yards...

Government overrides Exchange's objections

By Lawrence Lever

Mr Michael Howard, Minister for Consumer and Corporate Affairs, yesterday swept aside the Stock Exchange's objections to an industry-wide compensation scheme for investors whose shares suffer from the insolvency or fraud of an investment business.

Maxwell declares 5.9% stake

By Alison Eadie

The battle for the printing and publishing company, McCorquodale, became a four-cornered affair yesterday when Mr Robert Maxwell, publisher of the Daily Mirror, announced he had acquired a 5.9 per cent stake.



Mr Alan Sugar, Amstrad's chairman, yesterday with the IBM-compatible computer. (Photograph: James Gray)

Amstrad computer tops £100m sales

By John Bell, City Editor

In the four weeks since its launch, Amstrad's IBM-compatible range of business computers has achieved sales worth £100 million or more. The new product, which takes the company into direct competition with the world's biggest computer manufacturer, is another success for Amstrad and its founder, Mr Alan Sugar.

Tensions remain over dollar

From Bailey Morris and David Smith, Washington

At yesterday's session of the International Monetary Fund meeting, the big economies failed to agree to stabilize the dollar through systematic intervention in the foreign exchange market. The tension between Germany and the United States on the dollar question remains.

New \$6bn loan for Mexico

Mexico and its creditor banks have reached agreement on a new \$6 billion (£4.16 billion) loan package following tortuous negotiations in which Mr Paul Volcker, the United States Federal Reserve Board chairman, personally intervened.

ILG joins the holiday battle

Mr Harry Goodman's International Leisure Group (ILG), best known for its Intasun subsidiary, made its bid yesterday to draw level with Thomson Holidays, Britain's biggest tour operator, as the price war intensified.

Advertisement for John Charcol: 'Buying your next house should be plain sailing.' Includes an illustration of a sailboat.

Redland to pay \$317 million for American company

By Alexandra Jackson

Redland, the international building materials group, has entered into a conditional agreement to buy Genstar Stone, an aggregates company based in Maryland, for \$317.5 million (£220 million). Genstar is owned by Flintke, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Canadian company, Inasco.

MARKET SUMMARY table containing STOCK MARKETS, MAIN PRICE CHANGES, INTEREST RATES, CURRENCIES, and NORTH SEA OIL.

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# Barker & Dobson beats forecast

By Alison Eadie  
Barker & Dobson, the Liverpool-based confectionery group headed by Mr John Fletcher, the former managing director of Asda, has beaten its forecast, turning in a pretax profit in the 28 weeks to July 11 of £481,000 compared with a previous loss of £7.5 million.

At the time of the £69.9 million rights issue in July, when Barker paid £80 million

for the 148-store Budge supermarket group, the company forecast interim profits of at least £400,000.

Trading profit was £826,000 against a loss of £6.4 million, with confectionery showing a £1.3 million turnaround. Lossmaking activities like the Lewis Meeson oeswegent chain, sold to Guinness, are no longer dragging down the group's profits.

Further investment is being

ploughed into the confectionery division. The interim advance showed the impact of the re-organization and the benefit of the acquisitions of James Keiller, the Dundee marmalade maker, and the candy division of Somportex.

Budge is being integrated with the group and steps are being taken to improve its profitability.

The company is trying to tidy up its sprawling share

register and shareholders with 5,000 or fewer shares are being offered the opportunity to sell their holdings free of dealing costs. One third of Barker's shareholders own fewer than 1,000 shares.

The offer is designed to save the company significant costs. The directors also intend to recommend the consolidation of the shares on the basis of one new 10p share for ten old 1p shares.

# \$13m buy for Albert Fisher

By Lawrence Lever  
Albert Fisher, the expansionist fruit and vegetable distributor, yesterday announced the purchase of an American food company for a maximum payment of \$13 million (£9 million).

Fisher is paying an initial \$4.5 million in cash and shares for Tavilla, an importer, wholesaler and distributor of fresh fruit and vegetables. The move follows Fisher's \$15 million purchase of Ziff, a Massachusetts paper and plastic cups distributor in December, and confirms its strategy of establishing a significant food and distribution business in the US.

Approximately two-thirds of Albert Fisher's profits in its February interim results came from its American operations. Tavilla has net tangible assets of \$900,000 and a workforce of 103. It made pretax profits of \$370,000 after non-recurring expenditure in the first half of this year. It is warranting that profits are running at not less than \$900,000 a year.

Tavilla's operations and management will merge with Albert Fisher's Carnival Fruit subsidiary, also based in Miami, which sells fruit and vegetables.

Further payments of up to \$8.5 million for Tavilla, of which at least half will be in Albert Fisher shares, will be made depending on the profits of the combined group.

# Future of NEI turbines awaits Sizewell verdict

British-built turbines are producing power in most parts of the world, in addition to pumping Russia's enormous gas reserves from Siberia to the European domestic markets. It is therefore ironic that the greatest threat to the British turbine-building industry should come from within Britain.

Britain's electricity supply industry is desperate to order new generating equipment, but its hands are tied until the Government rules on the outcome of the public inquiry into the proposed nuclear power station at Sizewell.

The inspectors' report into the issue, scheduled for delivery on Tuesday but which has suffered yet another delay, will be sent to Mr Peter Walker, the Energy Secretary, at the end of October.

Mr Walker will decide next spring at the earliest if the Central Electricity Generating Board (CEGB) can build the American-designed pressurized water-cooled reactor (PWR) on the Suffolk coast.

Mr Walker has a team of civil servants standing by to go through the report and recommendations clause by clause, so that a decision can be made as soon as possible.

Since the Chernobyl disaster public opinion has swung further against nuclear power and the Government will want to make sure every

safety-related issue raised at the two-year public inquiry is answered.

A vote in favour of the PWR would offer no instant help to Northern Engineering Industries because the turbine contract, worth around £100 million, will go to its arch-rival GEC.

The CEGB wants eventually to follow the Sizewell design with a family of up to six similar stations, but that does not necessarily mean

turbines for such stations.

A return to smaller power stations rather than a move to large coal-fired stations, which would run into planning application opposition problems, would also favour NEI. It has developed a package of boiler, generator and turbines to produce up to 100mw as opposed to the 1,000mw supplied by full-scale generator and turbine sets.

Such smaller power stations are expected to find favour in developing countries, where they can be built without enormous infrastructure costs. No large-scale site work is required and fewer heavy-lift cranes are needed.

Whether such stations will ever be built in Britain will depend largely on government policy, and until the Sizewell issue has been resolved, the power engineering industry's management accepts that no firm projections can be made for the future.

Its order book has just been boosted by the finalization of a contract to supply two 985mw turbines for the Daya Bay nuclear power station in China.

The contract will provide the equivalent of 20,000 man hours of work in British industry, but the French will supply the bulk of the value of the contract.

David Young

### COMPANY NEWS

● **MICROGEN HOLDINGS:** Agreement has been reached for the acquisition by Microgen's subsidiary in Sweden, Capella, of the assets and goodwill relating to the computer output microfilm business of Siffer-Service based in Stockholm, for expected consideration of \$3K 10.8 million (£1.05 million).

● **BAUMA-REPOLA:** Preliminary agreements signed for the sale of sawmills and plywood mills in eastern Finland to Kymmene-Siroenbergs Corp and Schumann.

● **RH MORLEY:** Dividend of 1.75p for year to March 31. Turnover £4.46 million (£2.69 million), pretax profit £25,887 (£161,166), eps 3.79p (3.47p).

● **AGA AGA Gas** has acquired Glendale Welding Supply in Canton, Ohio. Glendale sales totalled \$3.2 million (£2.2 million) last year.

● **BIOMECHANICS INTERNATIONAL:** Six months to June 30. Turnover £109,927 (£107,670). Loss before tax, depreciation and amortization of goodwill £72,712 (£122,853). Loss for period £109,893 (£159,560). Loss per share 1.32p (1.91p).

● **HAMPTON TRUST:** The company has exchanged contracts to acquire the freehold

interest in 14/22 Old Brompton Road and 5 Harrington Road, London SW7, and the 50-year leasehold interest in 2/12 Old Brompton Road and 1-10 Egerton Court, London SW7. Consideration to be satisfied by the issue of 3.6 million ordinary fully-paid shares. Properties valued at £1.75 million.

● **GOODHEAD PRINT GROUP:** Mr Colin Rosser, chairman, said at the annual meeting that the first quarter's trading had been most successful with profits well ahead of the corresponding period last year. Some of the operations have produced record results. Results after the acquisition of the 10 free newspaper titles have been beyond expectations, he said.

● **SHARNA WARE:** Orbro Cash and Carry, a wholly-owned subsidiary, has exchanged contracts for the sale of its cash-and-carry store based in Manchester for a consideration of £375,000 in cash.

● **PETROGEN PETROLEUM:** Year to February 28. Turnover \$73,540 (\$274,519), operating profit \$102,607 (\$191,739), loss \$1,897,998 (\$86,509 loss), loss per share 12.2c (10.5c).

● **DENCORA:** No interim dividend (nil) for six months to June

30. Figures in £000. Turnover £6,529 (£5,933), gross profit £1,647 (£1,415), other operating income £1,388 (£1,129). Operating profit £2,125 (£1,829), profit before tax £740 (£672). Extraordinary pre-extraordinary items 3.5p (5.1p).

● **RACAL:** The company has signed 50,000 subscribers for its Vodafone cellular radio telephone service. Mr Gerry Wheat, the director in charge, said this "strengthens greatly the profit forecasts for cellular radio made in January". Racal's target for the year to the end of March was to have 60,000 subscribers.

● **CAPITAL AND COUNTRIES:** The company has bought out all other holders in Westamerica Properties. At July 31 last year when its property portfolio stood at \$90 million, Westamerica had net assets of \$50.3 million, or \$38.92 per share and in the year to that date made profits before tax and minority interests of \$1.8 million.

● **HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION:** The Bank of Marine Midland Bank has restructured their ownership of the CM and M Group, a Marine Midland

subsidiary. Hong Kong and Shanghai, which is a 51 per cent shareholder in Marine Midland, now assumes a 51 per cent shareholding in CM and M.

● **AEROSPACE ENGINEERING:** The board has exchanged a conditional contract for the purchase of Greywater, a wholly-owned subsidiary of one trading and the other non-trading. Initial consideration is £2,500,000 in cash.

● **BROKEN HILL PROPERTIES:** BHP, through its wholly-owned subsidiary BHP Finance, has arranged a US\$100 million (£69.44 million) private placement of floating rate notes to the domestic market. The proceeds will be used for the general corporate requirements of the BHP group.

● **RTZ Sturge Bichemicals:** the wholly-owned subsidiary of RTZ Chemicals, is to invest £30 million in a new citric acid plant with on-site services. The plant is scheduled to begin production in 1989.

● **BRIDON:** Bridon and Fothergill & Harvey have announced that Bridon Composites has agreed to sell its carbon-fibre weaving and braiding operations to Fothergill for about £400,000.

### A decision on the PWR reactor expected next spring

GEC would provide all the turbines.

NEI would hopefully win a share of these orders, drawing on its experience in designing and bidding for PWR-related turbines in other markets, such as Taiwan. However, the company could win business even if the PWR is vetoed.

A slow down in the nuclear programme would mean the CEGB would have to introduce a programme quickly to expand its coal-fired power station network. A new generation of coal-fired stations is already on the CEGB drawing boards and NEI has been a traditional supplier of

### Unigate expands in US

By Our City Staff  
Unigate, the food and transport group, is buying Prufrock Restaurants in the United States for \$45 million (£31 million).

Prufrock owns 41 restaurants in Texas, Oklahoma and Colorado, specializing in country cooking.

Thirty six Prufrock restaurants, the name of the Black-eyed Pea restaurants and the remaining five are called Dixie Houses.

Unigate operates 106 Mexican restaurants in the southern states, with its Casa Bonita chain of Taco Bueno fast-food outlets.

The group has been on the acquisition trail in the past few years and has been disposing of unprofitable or peripheral activities.

Its last acquisition was Oldacre, the Gloucestershire animal feeds company, bought for £26 million in July.

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### Cadbury buys

Cadbury Schweppes (South Africa), a subsidiary of the confectionery and soft drinks group, is paying R22.3 million (£7 million) for a South African foods company. The effect of the purchase will be to reduce Cadbury's stake in its South African subsidiary from 64.4 per cent to 53.1 per cent.



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ECONOMIC VIEW

Privatization provides a key flexibility to greater fiscal

By Rodney Lord

The spectacular success of the TSB issue was not unforeseen, but it will serve as a useful warm-up for the weightier performance of British Gas next month.

Before the summer holidays there was a fashion for questioning whether the privatization programme was running out of ammunition. Water privatization was postponed, the British Airways flotation grounded by legal problems and Royal Ordnance proved unsaleable for the time being.

The reality seems to be very different. Not only is BA now firmly back on the runway with other possibilities under consideration, but the total value of assets which the Government is committed to privatizing is approaching £25 billion.

In view of the Government's problems over public spending, this is just as well. At the end of the day a faster rate of privatization may prove to be one of the few ways of keeping the commitments on public spending at least nominally in line with the Government's commitment to fiscal prudence.

At present the numbers under discussion between the Treasury and spending departments in the annual public spending survey do not appear to add up.

In 1987-88, the first year of the three-year period under discussion, a sizeable reserve of £6.3 billion was built into the planned total of £14.9 billion agreed in the last survey.

This total was confirmed — at least as a target rather than as an unequivocal commitment — by the Cabinet in July.

But £3.2 billion of that reserve has already been allocated to increased provision for local authority current expenditure. That leaves a reserve of only £3.1 billion compared with £4.5 billion at the start of the present year.

There is some justification for having a smaller reserve this year. The large reserves of recent years often included spending, such as local authority spending, which the Government knew full well would occur but was not prepared to allocate to programmes in advance if the spending is provided for in the programmes, then it does not have to come out of the reserve.

The trouble with this argument is that it is too familiar for comfort. Realism has frequently been said to have been introduced into the local authority figures. There was a large addition in provisions for the present year — and already council spending is running over.

And there is pressure from a number of other spending programmes apart from the local authorities.

Mr Kenneth Baker, the Education Secretary, is arguing strongly for additional funds to intervene in schools and colleges directly without the customary filtering through the town hall. In what is almost certainly an election year, there is an overwhelming political case for extra money for the health service.

These and other calls can only be accommodated either by running down the reserve still further or by offsetting cuts elsewhere. It would, for instance, be possible to reduce the nationalized industries'

Future privatization proceeds

Table with 2 columns: Item, £billion. Includes British Gas equity (6.0), British Gas loans (2.5), British Airways (1.0), etc.



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contribution to public spending by raising electricity prices rather than allowed for.

But Mr Peter Walker, the Energy Secretary, will not be slow to advance the political arguments against such action. With reducing inflation so important a part of the Government's record, it will be important to keep price rises to a minimum.

The feeling in financial markets appears to be that some reduction, but not too much, in the reserve would be tolerable.

Says Mr Gavin Davies, UK economist with Goldman Sachs: "The market is not expecting the reserve to be at the £4-£5 billion level again, but it would worry if it dropped below £2½-£3 billion. It is expecting the public spending target to be exceeded in an election year."

Mr Giles Keating of Credit Suisse First Boston comments: "A lower degree of uncertainty over oil prices makes some reduction in the reserve reasonable. I think £2-£4 billion might be acceptable to the market, but there would be concern if it went as low as £1-2 billion."

Can the privatization programme be increased to

square the books? Receipts from government assets sold are netted off the public spending totals on the argument that this is simply the reverse of new assets bought, so any increase in privatization helps to keep down public spending.

In the last survey the projected receipts were roughly doubled to £4½ billion in each year. With saleable assets worth up to £25 billion, it would be possible to increase the proceeds again.

Some modest shading upwards would do no more than recognize the higher level of receipts expected — both this year and in future years. But there are solid arguments against any larger increases.

The trick has been played before and is likely to be less effective. In any case, it is far from clear that privatization proceeds really should be scored as negative expenditure rather than money used to finance the Government's deficit.

An increase might well be viewed by the markets as a sign of a highly concealed increase in public spending and next year's borrowing requirements. Although, according to Mr Davies, "the markets

would not view this as suspiciously as if the reserve were cut below £2½ billion".

What the privatization programme does offer in terms of macro-economic management is a very useful degree of flexibility. For, in addition to the new flotations lined up, there are very large minority holdings left in BP and British Telecom. The 31.7 per cent holding in BP is worth about £3.8 billion at current market prices and the 49.8 per cent in BT £5.4 billion, though no more BT stock can be sold before April 1988.

These involve none of the political and organizational hurdles of new privatizations, although they are dependent on stock market conditions.

There are also a number of less obvious assets almost hidden from public view. In addition to its equity holding, the Government holds preference stock in BT. The £250 million redemption of the £750 million outstanding later this year will put money in the Government's pocket just as surely, and indeed rather more so, than a public flotation, helping to swell the proceeds from privatization.

Another source of revenue is the £2.5 billion in loans British Gas owes the Government. As and when these are repaid they will help swell the privatization coffers.

The underlying logic of privatization has much less to do with sources of revenue for the Government, however convenient they prove, than with the efficiency of the industries themselves and with spreading ownership.

But flexible access to funds which do not depend on the price of oil or the state of the gilt market is a useful buffer against the vagaries of economic fortune.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

The TSB a hard act for British Gas to follow

The privatization production line moves on. The TSB cheques have barely been cashed, yet yesterday the Government was already encouraging British Gas customers to take their seats for the November flotation. An astonishing 2 million have already expressed interest.

Valuing Airways

British Airways has its own special problems of valuation both for the City and for the army of private shareholders. Airlines currently form, but a tiny part of most major institutional portfolios, and there will be a good deal of flying along the learning curve, as fund managers familiarize themselves with the sector.

Money is again being given away in terms of BT-style vouchers worth a discount of perhaps 8 per cent on the purchase price for small investors who prefer cash to bonus shares in three years' time. This is nowhere near the scale of giveaway in the TSB issue.

There will be many more shares for sale — British Gas will be valued at the time of the issue at perhaps four times the TSB. And the threat of Labour renationalization (absent in the TSB issue) will come before the sale and must affect the demand for shares once dealings start.

Unless there is some dramatic change in the opinion polls in the next couple of months, City institutions are unlikely to bid up the price, even supposing they are unable to buy what they want at the flotation. Subject to public demand, it seems likely that big investors here and in the American and Japanese markets will be offered about half the issue, worth perhaps £2.7 billion. This is a lot of money even by institutional standards.

Ministers argue that Labour's threat, probably in the same form of non-voting participation certificates as at BT, might act as a form of political underwriting, taking away the risk of loss. This will not cut much ice with the small investor who is more interested in the certainty of profit.

Already, the Government, advised by NM Rothschild, is tawling over a wide area. The minimum subscription is 100 shares, priced at no more than £150. Gas consumers will have to put up well under £100 on the instalment plan. Sixteen million customers are being guaranteed £250 worth, which would come to £4 billion if all took up the offer.

If the prospect of instant profit is receding, British Gas shares will have to offer value for money if the issue is to be taken up. And that surely means a dividend yield of more than 7 per cent. Slightly under 6 per cent is currently available on BT shares, which would have much more growth potential than British Gas in the absence of Labour's takeover threat.

Gas shares will be harder to sell on that basis without an intervening base rate cut, let alone a rise. Perhaps the best selling point would be to compare the British Gas dividend yield with that available on index-linked gilt-edged stocks, which currently offer less than 4 per cent. But that will only wash if British Gas can manage to forecast a rise in profit, if not in

historic terms then on the management's preferred current cost accounting. The adjustments for the Government levy of £2.5 billion debt will suitably fog the figures. The TSB issue may conveniently fog the investors.

Major US airline stocks are heavily involved for the most part with domestic operations, and have suffered from the fierce competition that arose in the wake of de-regulation. Fares plummeted and profits crashed, giving way to a spate of defensive mergers.

With the takeover of People's Express by Texas Air, there may now be a period of stability, helped by the easing of competitive pressures and falling oil prices. US majors with a significant international presence, Pan Am and TWA, have both been through financial traumas and are regarded by Wall Street as high risk gambling counters.

BA is more comparable to the major European carriers such as Swissair, KLM and Lufthansa. These tend to have a wider spread of operations, and enjoy the swings and roundabouts of good routes and bad more than US domestic operators. Nevertheless, even the Europeans can find their profits dominated by fluctuations in the dollar against other major currencies. Institutions are not likely to conclude that the quality of BA's earnings is of the very highest, with perhaps 30 per cent of its revenue arising in the North and South American continents.

There are some appealing aspects which count in BA's favour. The share sale will take place against a background of sharply rising profits, according to a new study by BA's stockbroker, Phillips & Drew. This year, the deadly combination of Chernobyl, the Libyan bombing raid and strong dollar produced barely a return from the plum North American routes, which previously accounted for up to 40 per cent of profits. Next year cannot help being better. BA is also a stock which will offer institutions a play on the benefits of falling oil prices and, says P&D, may have attractions as probably the only airline major offering a reasonable yield. On the broker's central forecasts, which value BA at around £1000 million, the shares could be sold at a cautious seven times earnings, to yield a handsome six per cent. Those ratings take care of most of the risks and should pave the way for a successful, if long overdue flotation.

Package holiday price war warms up

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

The price war in foreign package holidays goes on with a vengeance with all that implies for company profits and even survival.

The battle message was clear yesterday when Mr Harry Goodman's International Leisure Group (ILG) followed Thomson Holidays' lead in bringing out the first benchmark brochures for next summer.

Thomson, the market leader, and ILG — best known for its Intasun subsidiary — are the biggest operators, between them accounting for nearly half the summer market in foreign package holidays.

They are fighting with much increased capacity to seize an even bigger share of a market which many believe will grow further next year as the promotional pace heats up.

Horizon Travel, the third biggest tour operator, its chairman is Mr Bruce Tanner — intends to show its hand next week with a brochure, but yesterday made clear it would pursue its policy of matching Thomson prices for similar holidays.

Others in the mainstream market are expected to be dragged along in the big three's slipstream even though many in the industry believe that only high volumes offer

the chance of even reasonable profit margins.

Smaller operators with specialist products are seen to be safe in this battle, because their holidaymakers are willing to pay the higher price needed for a smaller operation to survive.

Already bargains are being bandied. Horizon has a special promotion of a thousand holidays at 1966 prices, beginning at £53 for 14 nights in Majorca.

Thomas Cook, the biggest retail agency chain, has cut holiday deposits to £10 from the £40 or more called for by tour operators. Cook is subsidizing the lower deposit.

This move almost certainly signals more special offers from retail agents which, after a Monopolies and Mergers Commission investigation, are no longer restricted on such promotions.

The big retail multiples, which also include Lunn Poly (part of Thomson Travel), Pickfords, Hogg Robinson and A T Mays, will be best placed in this particular battle, threatening the survival of smaller agents.

It was Thomson which began the price war this summer by slashing price levels by nearly a fifth, turning 1986 into a boom year when foreign



Mr Harry Goodman, a bigger market share.

holidays are estimated by Thomson to have gone up at least 20 per cent to about 7.3 million. The rise could turn out to be nearer 25 per cent.

At least 1.25 million more Britons have gone abroad, lured by giveaway offers like £25 holidays and then by prices which brought the average cost of a foreign package down from £300 in 1985 to £250 this summer.

Thomson has kept its average price for 1987 at £250. Of 2.25 million holidays so far on offer (it is carrying about 2 million holidaymakers this summer, double that of last year) 750,000 are held at the 1986 price or reduced, 750,000 are in a category where some prices are increasing (some by

as much as 10 per cent in holidays based at four and five-star hotels), and as many again are holidays maintained at budget prices by using simple accommodation and self-catering.

ILG expects to double its self-catering capacity to around 800,000 holidays, because this keeps down the cost of holidays. Across the group it expects prices to stay steady compared with this summer, with various areas showing price reductions.

Mr Paul Brett, managing director of Thomson Holidays, says that he is satisfied with the Thomson profit performance this year. It appears likely that profit margins next summer will not rise above the 1986 level.

At ILG Mr Goodman said: "I would look for margins next year as good as, if not slightly better than, the current year where profits are substantially up."

Thomson and ILG are claiming high load factors in usage of aircraft this summer, running at 96 per cent or even more. This is a crucial factor in achieving profitability. Mr Brett said: "We are hoping to improve market share further next year and to achieve further economies of scale." Computerized booking efficiency gains are claimed by both Thomson and ILG.

Mr Brett issued this warning: "There will be growth next year but it will be less than this past summer, and so the going will be tougher." Mr Goodman thinks the same, forecasting a market growth of about 5 per cent. He, too, is looking to seize a bigger market share.

Mr Brett sees more mergers in the industry as the only way for some companies to survive.

What does seem clear is that there is unlikely to be a repeat of the immense market growth seen this summer which found late bookers mopping up even higher-priced offerings, and so halting out lesser tour operators. It means 1987 could be the year of reckoning.

Payment late

Dome Petroleum said a payment of about \$400,000 was not made as scheduled to Bayerische Landesbank. The German bank had not given a waiver, but waivers had been obtained on three other loan facilities, on which default would have been triggered by non-payment.

TVS pay loan

Television South will repay its 14.20 per cent unsecured loan stock for 1986-87 at par on December 31.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Reinhold invests in Britain

Mr Anders Lettstrom, managing director of Reinhold, the £300 million Swedish property company, is in London today to explain his company's involvement with Ranelagh Developments, the British property company set up by some of the former directors of Haslemere Estates after its takeover by Rodamco, the Dutch company.

Reinhold wants to establish a foothold in the British market, especially in London. The joint venture arrangement with Ranelagh is Rein-

hold's first overseas operation.

The Swedish company's plans to find a partner in British property development, especially in the City of London and the West End, came at an opportune time for Ranelagh, which was looking for development cash. The joint venture means that Reinhold will provide funds to Ranelagh, enabling it to carry out schemes of £20 million or more.

Ranelagh, which will initially be a trading company,

intends to establish a second line of finance. Its merchant bank adviser will soon announce a private placing of some of the company's equity with institutions to raise more than £10 million.

Ranelagh is negotiating on some development possibilities in the City and West End, hoping to carry out schemes which need refurbishment or intensive management. Reinhold, which has no equity in Ranelagh, specializes in similar kinds of development. It sees scope in the London market which is not available to it in Stockholm.

If property follows the equities market, there is likely to be an increasing amount of international buying and selling. The market is only waiting for a Far Eastern company to make a bid for one of Britain's larger property companies.

Judith Huntley

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LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

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Beecham value soars £158m on Bauman's new medicine

By Michael Clark and Carol Leonard

Shares of Beecham, the pharmaceuticals and consumer products group, soared 23p to 413p yesterday, adding around £158 million to its stock market value as American-born Mr Robert Bauman, its newly appointed chairman, prepared to introduce himself to the City.

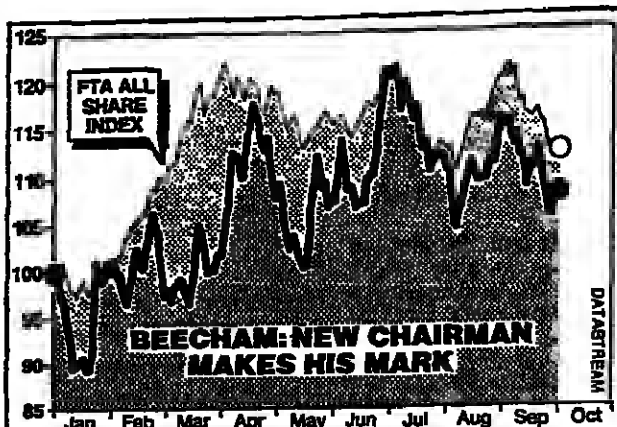
Beecham is reputed to be paying Mr Bauman around \$1 million a year (£594,000) to inject new life and direction into the flagging group. The appointment made him Britain's second highest paid executive after Mr Richard Giordano. Last night he was hosting a cocktail party for major firm managers at London's Savoy Hotel and is due to meet a number of analysts at a similar function next week.

The market is hoping for some good news from Mr Bauman, who has already succeeded in attracting support for the shares from several of the big New York investment houses. Goldman Sachs will be publishing a major piece of research on the group later this month and recommending the shares to its clients.

Miss Linda Tremaine, analyst with Savory Mills, the broker, says he has already done a lot of public relations work in both the US and the UK. Savory Mills has also arranged a seminar in Paris on October 21 for the company at which Mr Bauman has agreed to speak.

Miss Tremaine says that Beecham has already put for sale notices up on three of its businesses and has received firm offers for Germaine Mootell in the US and its British drinks distribution subsidiary, Findlater Mackie Todd. More than 200 prospectuses have also been issued in connection with the sale of the home improvements division.

News of last night's meeting with the institutions took dealers by surprise. Robert Fleming, which acts as a market-maker in the shares



investors in thin trading. The FT index of 30 shares rose 24.7 to 1,251.7 as more than £4 billion was added to the value of quoted stocks. The broader based FT-SE 100 ended 22.5 higher at 1,578.3.

That large line of 4 million shares in Smiths Industries, that had been around for most of the week, was eventually cleared at 237.5p. This followed an upgrading of profit estimates by Phillips & Drew, the broker.

British Aerospace soared 21p to 461p after news that the European consortium it is part of has received a £3 billion order for 100 Airbus from one of the big American airlines for delivery in 1989. That could be good news for BAe which was keeping tight-lipped.

Hanson Trust received 7p to 183p after receiving permission to quote its shares on Wall Street in the form of American Depositary Receipts. Dealings are due to start in a month.

Dealers reported selective support for blue chips from US buyers who were coming in for stocks like Glaxo 32p higher at 965p and Jaguar 17p to 523p. The strength of the market also attracted support for some of our big exporters like ICI 18p higher at £10.82, and Courtaulds 5p to 283p.

The battle for control of McCrorquodale, the specialist printer, continued to hot up yesterday. The shares advanced 10p to a new peak of 286p as it emerged that Mr Robert Maxwell, publisher of

Gas. They have uncharted five groups of shareholders, including three nominee accounts who, between them, speak for 7% per cent of the equity. The two identifiable investors are New Zealanders Mr Roo Brierley, who has just reduced his holding from 2.3 per cent to 1.3 per cent and the Barclay brothers who, at the end of the last account, had 1.1 per cent. A mysterious B29 account operated by the Royal Bank of Scotland speaks for 1.6 per cent. Fieldings Nominees has just bought so extra million shares taking its stake up to 2.5 per cent and an outfit called Bostex and based in Delaware, USA, has 1 per cent.

What's interesting is that both Brierley and the Barclays have had their stakes for some time and they haven't increased them. Brierley has actually reduced his, says oil specialist, Mr Mike Cowling at Wood Mackenzie. "It must question whether they really be considered as potential bidders."

Shares in IC Gas held steady at 506p yesterday, after rising steadily for the past couple of weeks on bid speculation. Wood Mackenzie estimate that its asset value is around 550p a share, making it worth no more than £800million.

Redland tumbled 32p to 386p on the back of a one-for-four rights issue at 350p to raise £180 million. The money will be put towards a £220million acquisition, also announced yesterday, of an American aggregates business, based to Maryland. Its shares could take heart next week when a party of British analysts begin a two day trip to its operations in Texas. The same analysts will also be inspecting the American activities of Bisc Circle, up 5p to 563p, and Pilkington, unchanged at 430p.

A circular from Greenwell Mootage, the broker, saying that first dealings in TSB shares could see the part-paid price soaring to 125p, put new life into the unofficial grey market. The middle price firmed several pennies to 91p. Licensed dealer Cleveland Securities said it was seeing a lot of selling from preferential shareholders and buying from City professionals.

The rest of the banking sector was firmer. Midland put on 5p to 539p, Barclays 3p to 467p, Lloyds 2p to 414p, and National Westminster also a couple to 514p.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

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WALL STREET

Dow races ahead in early trading boost

New York (Agencies) - Shares rose sharply in moderately active trading early yesterday. Market participants said stocks were being fuelled by a continued strong bond market and heavy buying in the airline stocks, which boosted the transport sector.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which was up only about five points shortly after the opening, jumped 28.68 to 1,796.26 around mid-morning when the transport indicator climbed 14.87 to 815.25. The 65 stocks average rose 10.48 to 713.94.

The broader New York Stock Exchange composite index gained 1.52 at 134.96 while Standard & Poor's 500-stock index was up 2.92 at 234.24.

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Ford and Fiat poised to fight for Alfa Romeo

Milan (Reuters) - Fiat, Italy's biggest private industrial group, and Ford of Europe are ready to bid for control of Alfa Romeo, the loss-making Italian state car manufacturer, analysts here said yesterday.

Ford and Fiat broke off merger talks last year. Fiat is flush with money. Its owners, the Agnelli family, are brimming with confidence after the repurchase last week of the Libyan minority stake in Fiat.

Ford is expected to submit a detailed offer for Alfa this week after talks in London, officials of Finmeccanica, Alfa's parent company, said.

Fiat is just responding defensively to a threat from a foreign competitor. An Alfa employee, who requested anonymity, said: "We are scared that if Fiat takes us over, we will end up like Lancia."

Talks between Fiat and Alfa last year failed, when a Fiat plan to split Alfa into two operating companies was rejected.

Fiat and Ford are among six car producers in Western Europe, each with a market share of about 12 per cent and jockeying for position as the top manufacturer on the Continent.

Analysts say that whoever wins Alfa could secure an important psychological edge in the battle for market supremacy.

Profits at Quest up to £1.25m

By Richard Lander Quest Automation, the Hampshire computer products supplier, returned to profitability in the six months to August 31, although its figures were flattered by the inclusion of some £786,000 in profits originally assigned to the 1984-85 financial year.

Quest, whose interests range from laser-disc distribution to computer-aided design, reported pretax profits of £1.25 million at the interim stage compared with a £451,000 loss in the same period last year.

Turnover was increased from £6.1 million to £8.9 million. Mr Alfred Stirling, the chairman, expects a continued improvement.

Mr Stirling also said the company should be able to pay a final dividend, the first since 1981. Steps are also being taken to improve the group's financial position by converting the 6 per cent preference shares to ordinary shares.

Last offshoots of JMB up for sale

By Richard Lander The two remaining subsidiaries of Johnson Matthey Bankers, the banking group rescued from the point of collapse by the Bank of England two years ago, have been put up for sale.

The businesses are Johnson Matthey Commodities Limited, a ring-dealing member of the London Metals Exchange, and its New York counterpart, Johnson Matthey Commodities Incorporated, another base metal dealer, which holds a seat on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Barings Brothers, the merchant bankers handling the sale for the Bank of England, is prepared to sell the companies together or separately.

Most of JMB, including the LEDU has had considerable success in the promotion of new businesses but, at the same time, attention has to be paid to encouraging and assisting existing small businesses to grow.

Ulster agency boosted

A large increase in staff for Ulster's small business agency, the Local Enterprise Development Unit, was announced yesterday by Mr Peter Viggers, the Northern Ireland Minister for Commerce and Industry.

Recruitment has begun for an increase in staff from 86 to 103. Mr Viggers said: "The

Foseco Minsep coun cost of LTV failure

Foseco Minsep is not enjoying the reputation attached to having LTV, probably the biggest corporate bankrupt ever, as one of its major customers.

The 1986 interim results included an exceptional charge of £1.6 million covering bad debts from LTV, the second-largest steel producer in the US. Foseco has also provided a quite significant amount above the line to cover further failures among its clientele base.

Deliveries and credit terms are being closely watched for all but the most financially-secure customers.

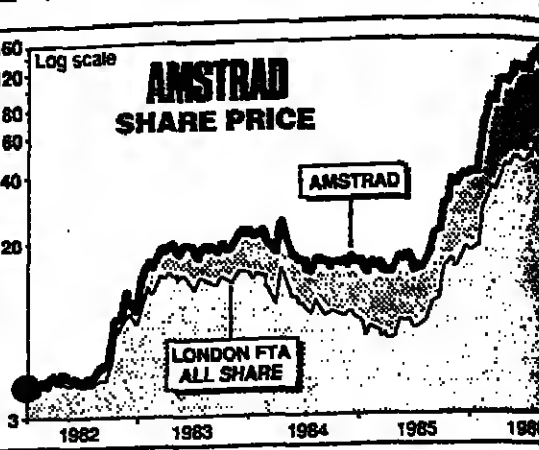
Foseco's interim statement reads like a tale of woe. US operations as a whole lost money. Problems in the steel industry have been well publicized although difficulties are being exacerbated by strikes at leading producers such as USX and Armco.

On the construction materials side, Gibson-Homans has suffered a fall in demand for its oil and agricultural-related products.

The proportion of Foseco's business related to the steel industry has fallen in recent years from around 50 per cent to under 25 per cent. However, this remains a volatile market and yesterday's results show how a bad performance can affect the whole group's performance.

Results from the other parts of the business, however, were reasonably good. In Germany, new products led to an increase in turnover and profits while Britain and France also put in an acceptable performance.

The Spanish business suffered because EEC membership has led to a reduction in steel output. A fundamental review of the group's operations is under way.



11 per cent increase over the 20.2p earned in 1980. There must be better investment opportunities around than this low-growth business which is still essentially cyclical.

Abingworth Abingworth, the investment trust with a penchant for American technology companies, continues to be a share whose potential outweighs its performance.

Not only has the high-technology sector remained out of favour in the past year, but the dollar has fallen 17 per cent.

Therefore, Abingworth's net asset value per share fell again, to stand at 277p on June 30, against 286p a year earlier.

The company considers the net asset value could be up to 100p higher if the currency markets were kinder.

It hopes for better things this year, hopefully aided by a weaker pound, and is confident that brighter conditions for the technology sector will allow more of its US investments to float their shares. Three have done so since June and the company expects another five to follow.

Fortunately, the trust has not put all its eggs in one basket. Several successful British investments, which include restaurants and car spares, have distinctly low-technology qualities, while a tie-up with a Swiss venture capital group will let it taste

the waters in Western Europe. Useful and growing profits are also earned from a venture capital fund management subsidiary.

The shares, up to 211p, look worth accumulating at a generous 34 per cent discount to assets.

Amstrad Apart from the 273 per cent increase in pretax profits and 100 per cent increase in final dividend from Alan Sugar's money spinning machine, Amstrad, the most remarkable feature of the figures for the year to June 30 was the margins.

During a year of hectic growth and new product development, Amstrad recorded pretax profit margins on sales of almost 25 per cent.

Analysts are looking for another year of spectacular expansion, with no sign of stress or strain in the balance sheet. In fact, the full accounts when published will probably show net cash balances of about £60 million.

With the IBM compatible range off to a fine start and a string of new products in audio emerging into the shops, Amstrad looks set for at least £115 million profits.

But some analysts harbour a feeling that Mr Sugar is talking the numbers down. If they are right and earnings per share emerge in the 16p to 17p range, Amstrad shares are selling on an earnings multiple of about nine times. They look cheap.

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# GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

October 2, 1986

When management trainees are recruited, it is not generally appreciated just how high a proportion will reach senior positions. In an organization with managers, it is tempting to assume that the chance of becoming chief executive is one in 100.

In fact, of the management trainees who stay with the organization — i.e. those who do not resign, get sacked or die — it is possible that between 5 and 8 per cent will become a chief executive.

If the top half-dozen jobs in such an organization are considered, it is likely that between 25 and 50 per cent will achieve this level. There is, indeed, plenty of room at the top.

Much has been written about the need for careful and skilled selection of recruits: much, too, about the need to take early steps to prepare those who are likely to reach senior positions. Most managers will agree with this even if, in too many instances, it proves to be little more than lip-service.

Far fewer seem to be aware of how high a proportion of trainees will reach any particular level of seniority.

At a selection board for manage-

ment trainees entry, a senior manager once said to me: "Let's not be too highly selective. Remember, we don't want them all to be high-flyers. We want a sound body of good middle managers and a few who are capable of going further."

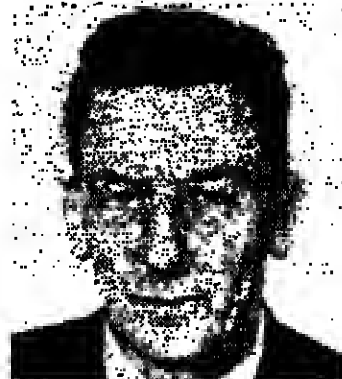
Clearly, he was not aware that at least 20 per cent and possibly up to 40 per cent of the young persons selected would eventually be in the most senior 5 per cent of positions in the company.

To 84 senior managers to whom I talked about this subject at various times I gave an illustrative problem. I described an organization not out of line with their own experience. I gave them the data, though not the formula, needed to arrive at the answer; and I asked them to estimate, or hazard a guess, at the percentage of recruits who would, if all promotion was internal, reach the top 10 per cent of senior posts.

It was not to be expected that many, if any at all, would know how to make a mathematical assessment, but would they, after many years of seeing typical organizational progress, get anywhere near the answer?

In the circumstances described, the best answer would have been 70 per cent. A startling outcome

**Young recruits should always appreciate that there really is room at the top, says Max Broly**



the typical age of recruitment, promotion and retirement, and the level of wastage, such as loss by resignation.

If these factors are varied between extreme but realistic limits the probability of reaching the top 10 per cent of jobs could range from 30 to 85 per cent. How then did our sample of managers perform? Out of 84 estimates 19 were within the range, two were above it and 63 were below it.

A high proportion of managers, it seems, grossly underestimate the number of recruits who will be promoted. Yet this is surely a vital element in the thinking of those concerned with the continuing health and strength of the

organization. I wonder whether this topic is covered by any of the establishments dealing with management training and education.

In my experience not only were managers wide of the mark, some were sceptical. One responded brutally: "That's impossible. Your figures must be wrong."

Others, I suspect from the tone of the subsequent discussion, though less abrasive, would have tacitly agreed with him. The mathematical formula, to be understood and accepted, required a level of numeracy that not all possessed. Practical and acceptable illustrations were difficult to produce.

These managers came, almost without exception, from bio-industrial organizations where the span of time between trainee recruitment and retirement could be 45 years.

To be able to quote what happened in practice to annual intakes of trainees one would have to go back, in company records, to the recruits of more than 40 years ago; and be able to trace what happened to them all.

Faced with astonishment bordering on disbelief, it would have been helpful to be able to quote figures given recently by a

spokesman for the Foreign Office. The Foreign Office, it was said, aimed to recruit to the 7d training scheme — intended for graduates with some other career experience — about 20 high-calibre trainees every year, preferably in their late twenties. Figures showed that of an annual intake of 20, wastage was between five and eight. Between 11 and 14 reached ambassadorial level.

If wastage here is a euphemism for unsuitability, the probability of promotion to the level of ambassador is between 55 and 70 per cent. If the wastage is real — resignation or death — the probability can be estimated as 8 to 9 per cent.

If, as it seems, many managers underestimate to a shocking degree the proportion of recruits who will be needed, in time, for senior posts, then the problems of recruitment, selection and training will receive less attention than they should. He who can keep his head, in management succession planning, "when all about are losing theirs" has probably failed to realize the immensity of the problem.

With such a high proportion of recruits likely to reach senior positions it is little wonder that

cynical theories develop about promotion to the level of incompetence.

Managers should be aware of such figures. If they find them alarming they can sizeably reduce them either by external recruitment at a later stage (head-hunting) or by promoting at an earlier age. But while head-hunting may solve a problem for the individual organization, it is of little help overall.

The gap successfully filled in one organization leaves an empty space in another. Nationwide it will not materially reduce the proportion reaching senior levels. Early promotion would help but it reinforces the need for better and earlier training and increases the risk that the well trained young person will be head-hunted by someone else.

There does not seem to be any single ideal solution. Every organization must make its own choice. The point made here is simply that, while most managers believe themselves to be aware of the problem, most really are oblivious to its dimensions.

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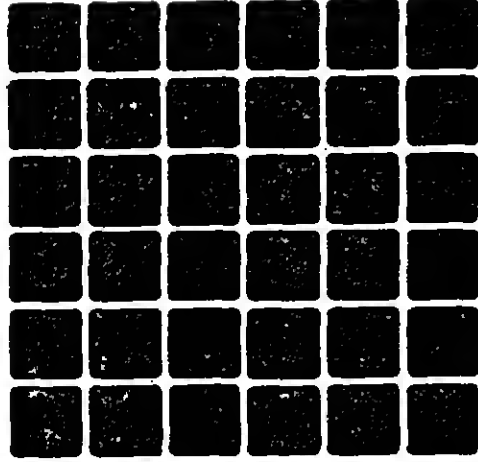
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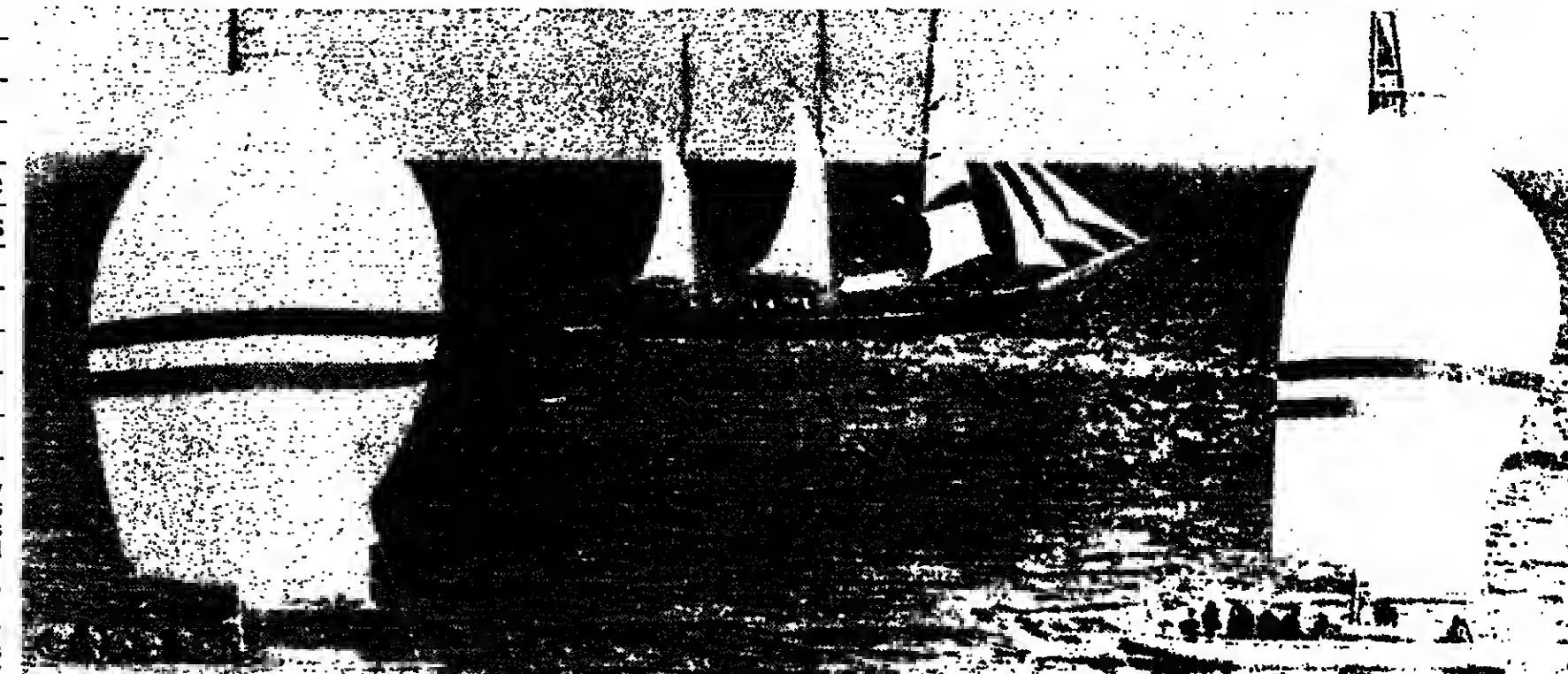




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Alan Bond won the America's Cup, which begins on Sunday, for Australia in 1983, ending a 132-year domination by the Americans. In the last of his series from Fremantle, David Miller, Chief Sports Correspondent, assesses Australia's chances of retaining the trophy.



Contrasting styles: A training barquentine is framed between two of the American yachts practising off Fremantle for their America's Cup challenge

There was a low-key informality and warmth about Alan Bond's ultimately triumphant America's Cup campaign in 1983, behind the brick-hard dedication which epitomized his country's approach to some of the things it does well.

Chatting to Ben Lexcen, whose untidy appearance tended to make him look as though he had called to collect the empty beer crates rather than supervise the course of yachting's first spacecraft, or spending five minutes with Warren Jones, the ubiquitous, 120-hour-a-week executive director, it was like finding a university laboratory at the bottom of the garden.

Now that the trophy sits in its burgundy velvet-lined vault at the Royal Perth Yacht Club, Jones has a problem: how can he preserve that mentality which helped give the squad their rugged underdog persistence?

Cup identification, has become a shade jaundiced. He questions whether, if successful this time, he would be willing to mount another defence. He was under contract to Royal Perth to defend the Cup if he won it in 1983, but is disenchanted at the sight of the club exploiting his achievement to make several million pounds and putting none of it back into the defence programme.

There is little doubt that Royal Perth officers fancy themselves. They turned up on the balcony on Bellevue Avenue to receive the Cup in Newport looking like Ruritanian admirals.

For 132 years the NYCC held all the advantages in home waters, and the same now applies in one particularly significant aspect for Bond and the most dangerous of his Australian rivals, Kevin Parry's Taskforce syndicate.

able to look for varying capability so as to cover the changeable weather over the five-month period. They did not have to stay as close to the evolutionary standard of Australia II and produce an all-round boat like Crusader I and America II's US 46.

Yet it is Bond's campaign on top of the game? They have been unnerved by Crusader's recent successful trials against Australia II, so medium winds early next year could put them in a spot, Jones admits that III and IV have a different emphasis; he hopes that III is an all-rounder, and knows that IV cannot perform in under 10 knots.

The drift of his reasoning, not unlike Conner's, and Iain Murray's in Taskforce and Cudmore's in the British camp, is that ultimately the competition may still come down to the basic ability of a crew to handle the boat to its optimum in technologically equivalent hulls.

"When we were 3-1 down in 1983, we said at breakfast before the fifth race that we had the better boat and if we lost the Cup, everyone in the room was guilty. Had we lost 4-1, everyone would have said Australia II was nothing special, that the keel didn't work - and all because our crew had screwed up an innovative development that was better." Indeed, the America's Cup might have died, instead of now thrusting into new areas.

The irony is that it was Conner who taught the Australians how to beat him. After three attempts, they knew when they returned home in 1980 that they had to match his professionalism in Freedom, an ordinary boat, the next time. It so happened that Lexcen gave them an ace. The question now is whether, with a double crew like de Savary had but for two boats instead of one, Bond's strength may have been diluted.

John Bertrand, the winning helmsman in Newport, thinks this may be so, but his opinions are less than reliable. Nobody in sport was a luckier hero, yet his book on the historic series suggested that Lexcen's boat was not exceptional and that the Cup was won by his inspiration of the crew.

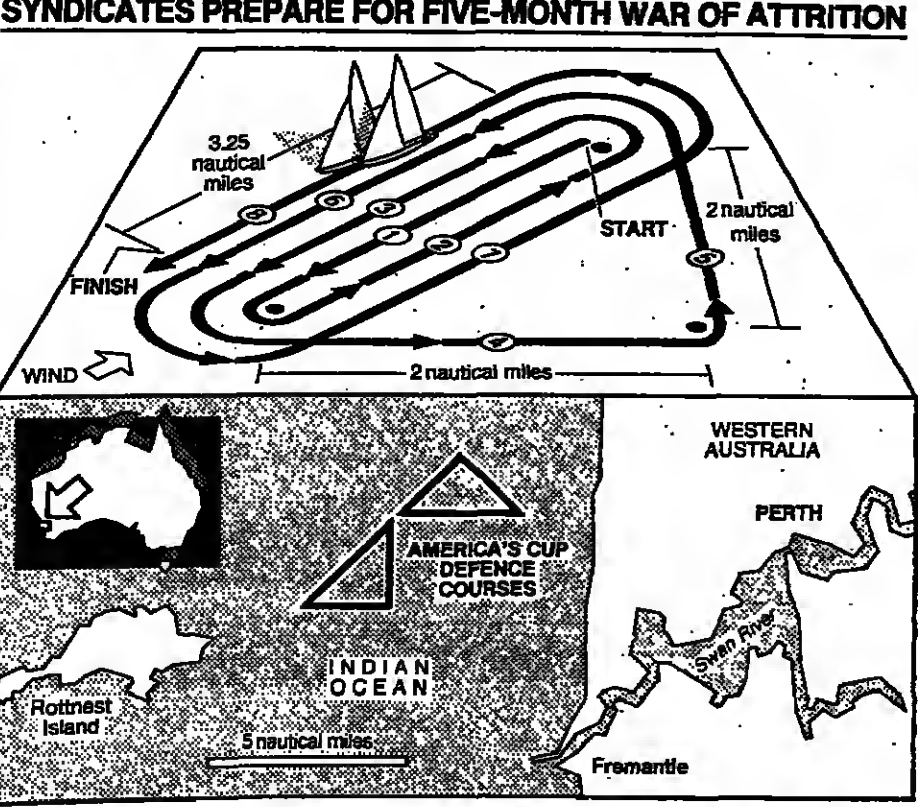
Crusader - is supported on Australia IV by Hugh Trehearne and Grant Simmer, victorious members in 1983.

The next two or three weeks will show whether Murray, six times the 18-foot skiff champion and skipper of Taskforce's confident operation with Kookaburra I, II and III, was wise or foolish not to race the world championship so as to keep secure his design measurements. He describes as rubbish the criticism that his canop is short of 12-metre experience, pointing out that all but four in three crews have experienced one campaign. He helmed the painfully slow Advance in 1983 but now, with Victory '83's computer expert, Derek Clarke, on board, is almost dismissively confident. Kookaburra III, an amalgam of I and II, has an optimum performance in 15-20 knot winds but a functional range, Murray claims, from 10-30.

There is a mild cynicism between the Kookaburra and Crusader camps. Crebbin, whose opinions, like his helming, are related to data rather than a seat-of-the-pants instinct, thinks Murray is out on a limb and in a shock. Murray says that "an educated eye can tell the British boats are not optimized." Certainly Crusader II as yet is not, which is why it has been dropped. Murray says the British have erred in going for a lighter boat, because he expects heavier weather to be influential.

Paying attention to detail

- Syndicate: America's Cup Defence 1987. Club: Royal Perth YC. Defending yachts: Australia III and IV. Designer: Ben Lexcen. Skipper: Gordon Lucas and Colin Beashel. Budget: A\$520 million. Major sponsors: Swan Brewery, Artway of Australia, Mobil, Data General, Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank. Syndicate: Taskforce '87. Club: Royal Perth YC. Defending yachts: Kookaburra I, II and III. Designer: Iain Murray and John Swarbrick. Skipper: John Savage. Budget: A\$58 million. Major sponsors: S Australia Government, Mitsubishi Australia, Woolworth, Corfu Jeans, Slip 'n' Save, Australian National Railways. Syndicate: Eastern Australia. Club: Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron. Defending yacht: Steak 'n' Kiddy. Designer: Peter Cole. Syndicate: Syd Fischer. Skipper: Gary Sheard. Budget: A\$55 million. Major sponsors: Macquarie Broadcasting, Scribal Pens, Carbonit Office Supplies, NewsPlus.



With a punishing schedule of up to 751 races between Sunday's start of the challenger elimination trials and the final Cup decider in mid-February, the 17 contesting syndicates have been bracing themselves for a war of attrition that will wear down boats, rigs and crews during the series.

Barry Pickthall's guide to Australia's defensive capacity. Syndicate head: Kevin Parry. Skipper: Iain Murray. Helmsmen: Graham Freeman and Lawrie Smith. Budget: A\$520 million. Major sponsors: Parry Corp, Channel 7 TV, Digital Tech Rentals, Nike, Fosters Lager. Syndicates: South Australia, Club: Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron. Defending yacht: South Australia. Designer: Ben Lexcen. Syndicate head: Graham G Spurling.

first series, challenging syndicates can swap boats, giving the British the opportunity, if they wish, to exchange the evolutionary Howitt-designed White Crusader for Holborn's more radical K25, though all points gained would be forfeited.

The 13 challengers from six countries, who will be racing the Louis Vuitton Cup, meet each other once during each of three early round-robin series run by the Costa Smeralda Yacht Club, scoring one point for a win during the first series ending on October 20, five points during the second heats (November 2 to 19) and 17 points for each win gained during the crucial third round between December 2 and 19. After the

When it comes to pushing the boat out White Horse leads the way. THE WHITE HORSE CHALLENGE White Horse Scotch Whisky. The major sponsor of the 1987 British America's Cup Challenge.



RACING: KINGSCLEERE FILLY CONFIRMS SUPERIORITY OVER OLD RIVAL WITH EMPHATIC CHEVELEY PARK STAKES TRIUMPH

Take Valuable Witness to extend winning run to seven

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips) Having been reassured by Pat Eddery that the period of Newmarket is perfect, Jeremy Tree has decided to let Valuable Witness take his chance in the Jockey Club Cup at Newmarket this afternoon...



Verd-Antique (right), seen here winning at Newmarket in May, returns to Headquarters for today's Choke Jade Stakes

Power Bender, at Newbury. But that race was over only 10 furlongs. Being a half-brother to that redoubtable stayer, Address, Khazdar is likely to appreciate the longer distance of today's race...

Haslam, came to the conclusion that the son of Swing Easy was like his sire, a sprinter pure and simple. The subsequent switch back to six furlongs was promptly rewarded with victories at Hamilton and Yarmouth and now I think that today's race looks another suitable opportunity...

Balding lavishes highest praise on Forest Flower

By Michael Seely Forest Flower survived an objection and a stonewall inquiry to assert her superiority over her old rival, Minstrelle, in the Tattersalls Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket yesterday...

NEWMARKET Selections

- By Mandarin: 2.00 Tiklas, 2.35 Easy Line, 3.05 Chilibang, 3.40 Valuable Witness, 4.10 Khazdar, 4.40 GOLD FEE (nap).

Guide to our new in-line racecard

- FORM MAZILLER (9-0) made virtually all to beat BALTIC SHORE (9-0) at Windsor (5f, £280, good, Sept 14, 18 run). BALTIC SHORE seemed to have improved when running 2 1/2 fms (9-1) to the City of York (5f, £275, good, Sept 4, 5 run)...

Colors spin taken out

Twenty horses stood their ground after yesterday's forfeit stage for the Trusthouse Forte Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and it appears that there will be a field of 15 or 16 for Sunday's big race at Longchamp...

Fontwell Park Selections

- By Mandarin: 2.0 Prussia Maria, 2.30 Fast Flight, 3.0 Deep Echo, 3.30 Gulphar, 4.0 The Royal Comrie, 4.30 Fib.

NEWMARKET Selections

- By Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Tiklas, 2.35 Easy Line, 3.05 Chilibang, 3.40 Valuable Witness, 4.10 Khazdar, 4.40 GOLD FEE.

3.40 JOCKEY CLUB CUP (Group III: £18,884; 2m 24yd) (4 runners)

- 401 (2) 013349 PHARANTE (S Kameel) G Harwood 4-9-7 G Starkey 96 9-2; 402 (1) 1111-11 VALUABLE WITNESS (S Natchoo) J Tree 6-9-6 Pat Eddery 99 4-3; 403 (3) 2002M SPIKY STORY (P Meehan) I Bedford 5-11-5 C Coaffee 82 7-2; 404 (2) 140404 TALE OUALE (R Barnet) H Candy 4-9-3 W Newman 82 9-2

3.30 SIDELASH SELLING HURDLE (4-Y-O: £386; 2m 2f) (8)

- 2 0341 GULPHAR J Jenkins 11-0 G White 100 11-0; 3 0208 JUST CROWN (C) Winton 11-0 G White 100 11-0; 4 0007 TROIAN GOD R Atkinson 11-0 D McKeown 100 11-0; 5 0041 UNDER THE STARS (RCD) J Finch-Hayes 11-0 G White 100 11-0

3.00 RANK CHALLENGE CUP (£2,406; 2m 2f) (6)

- 1 4131 SUEVA LUCHRA K Bailey 9-11-11 T Thomson Jones 83 11-1; 2 430 TARIAS CHARTER (C) P Mitchell 5-11-2 R Damorey 83 11-1; 3 01713 DEER ECHO N Henderson 8-11-4 S Smith 83 11-1; 4 026 ZACCO (R) S Dow 8-11-0 M Guest 87 8-1; 5 040 THE DIPLOMAT W Kemp 8-10-0 S Slatton 87 8-1; 6 130 STAFF (C) D Ogden 5-10-0 S Double 87 8-1

2.35 STALKER HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,298; 6f) (17 runners)

- 202 (10) 110020 POSSEVINO (C) (Dursley Wood) D Edworth 0-7 S Coaffee 96 11-2; 203 (1) 140000 TOUCH OF GREY (D) (T Jennings) O Thom 9-3 W R Stewart 97 9-1; 204 (10) 410000 LILIAN (C) (A Meehan) M Abens 9-0 M Giller 96 9-1; 205 (17) 40-0200 TUFUN (D) (H Al-Makroum) A Stewart 9-0 M Giller 96 9-1

4.40 EBF ALINGTON MAIDEN FILLES STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,981; 6f) (22 runners)

- 602 (20) CAVENDISH QUEEN (W Norrington) L Piggott 8-11 T Jess 105 14-1; 603 (2) 010000 EIGHTY EIGHT (P) Wagg 8-11 G Starkey 96 9-2; 604 (11) 3 GOLD PEE (R) (A Bazzani) L Cuman 8-11 G Starkey 99 9-2; 605 (1) 010000 GIANEZZI (U) (Upton) W Cook 8-11 W Coaffee 97 8-1; 606 (11) 3 GOLD PEE (R) (A Bazzani) L Cuman 8-11 G Starkey 99 9-2; 607 (1) 010000 JUST A PINKIE (M) (S Gervin) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11 G White 100 11-0; 608 (11) 3 GOLD PEE (R) (A Bazzani) L Cuman 8-11 G Starkey 99 9-2; 609 (1) 010000 JUST A PINKIE (M) (S Gervin) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11 G White 100 11-0; 610 (2) 010000 JUST A PINKIE (M) (S Gervin) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11 G White 100 11-0; 611 (16) 010000 JUST A PINKIE (M) (S Gervin) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11 G White 100 11-0; 612 (1) 010000 JUST A PINKIE (M) (S Gervin) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11 G White 100 11-0

3.5 BLOODSTOCK & GENERAL INSURANCE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: 25,118; 5f) (16 runners)

- 101 (13) 112300 NUTWOOD LIL (D) (Woodward) E Eldon 0-7 J Reid 96 8-1; 102 (2) 201 MAZILLER (D) (N Andros) G Harwood 9-5 G Starkey 98 8-1; 103 (9) 200000 TALE OUALE (R Barnet) H Candy 4-9-3 W Newman 82 9-2; 104 (1) 120100 MAINE CHAMBER (D) (Bentley) R Armstrong 9-3 S Coaffee 98 14-1; 105 (17) 143710 VALUABLE WITNESS (S Natchoo) J Tree 6-9-6 Pat Eddery 99 4-3; 106 (14) 010000 VIVALDI (D) (Mrs P Payne) W Jarvis 8-6 M Giller 91 8-1; 107 (1) 41011 CHILIBANG (D) (Mrs H Hancox) J Dunlop 8-1 (rev) W Carson 97 8-1; 108 (7) 230 GAMB (R) (Percival) S Stone 7-7 M L Thomas 83 9-1; 109 (1) 010000 GREY WATERS (C) (W O'Connor) 7-12 M L Thomas 83 9-1; 110 (1) 020000 CLARENTE (M) (Mrs N Kemp) M Taylor 7-10 C Butler 87 11-0; 111 (1) 010000 CLARENTE (M) (Mrs N Kemp) M Taylor 7-10 C Butler 87 11-0; 112 (1) 010000 CLARENTE (M) (Mrs N Kemp) M Taylor 7-10 C Butler 87 11-0; 113 (1) 010000 CLARENTE (M) (Mrs N Kemp) M Taylor 7-10 C Butler 87 11-0; 114 (1) 010000 CLARENTE (M) (Mrs N Kemp) M Taylor 7-10 C Butler 87 11-0; 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# Sunday racing can be a winner for Britain

In Britain last year, 22 million people had at least one bet with a bookmaker. They created an annual betting turnover of £4,000 million, £3,200 million of which was on horse racing. No other sport has such a large paying public. And yet it misses the market on the day which has become the most important of the week in such big-money sports as tennis, cricket, golf and motor-racing. . . . Sunday. Racing is now deep in debate over whether to press for racetracks and, more controversially, betting shops to be open on Sunday.

Michael Seely reports.

Next Sunday 35,000 racegoers, including thousands of British visitors, will throng into the colourful arena at Longchamp in Paris to watch Dancing Brave, Bering, Shahrastani, Shardari and the rest battle for the title of champion of Europe. It is the day of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

Tens of millions of television viewers will also be watching the world's toughest flat race. In France a total of £16 million will be invested in the Prix de l'Arc in an attempt to forecast the first three home. Three per cent of the £16 million will be put back into French racing.

Britain is the only country, apart from New Zealand, where the racetracks are empty on Sundays. Most other sports have for years been deliberately flouting the Lord's Day Observance Act of 1780, which prohibits the opening on the Sabbath of any house, room or place for the purposes of entertainment or amusement to which the public is admitted by the payment of money or by tickets sold for money.

At Wimbledon in June, Boris Becker won his singles tennis title in front of a capacity crowd. At Brands Hatch in July, Nigel Mansell captured the British motor-racing Grand Prix. Both of these events took place on Sundays, in direct contravention of the law.

When the first regular staging of major sport on Sunday in Britain started with cricket's John Player Special League in 1969, elaborate subterfuges, such as charging for cars or programmes only, were adopted. And even now most stadiums have one free entrance, tucked away in a corner where no one can find it.

Wimbledon is the cleverest of all in that all seats are sold in advance and although admission on the day is free, it benefits no-one, for it is impossible to watch the matches without a ticket.

Before the surprise rejection of the Sunday Shopping Bill by Parliament last May, the Jockey Club, aware of the desirability of introducing Sunday racing - with the twin objectives of increasing attendances and of attracting a new section of the leisure market - set up a working party, who, on balance, were strongly in favour provided that it was found to be financially viable.

The chairman of the committee was General Sir Cecil Blacker, the deputy senior steward of the Jockey Club. Every bit as tough and formidable a character as his rank would suggest, the General is starting a new campaign. He will be meeting leaders of the Church next week and he will be canvassing MPs and other interested parties.

He says: "We understand that many of the opponents of the Shops Bill, in both political and church circles, are not unwilling to contemplate less drastic changes in the British Sunday, despite their opposition to the Bill.

"We are canvassing support for the introduction of racing on a limited number of Sundays, realizing that however limited or experimental such a period might be, Parliament would still have to change the law to allow betting on Sundays.

16 to 20 meetings a year," comments Irwin. "There are not all that many suitable Sundays. And as far as the metropolitan tracks are concerned, I must stress the emphasis of having a race of international calibre. People who are not all that knowledgeable about racing want to come to watch men and horses they have heard about."

Irwin concluded: "The longer Britain has to put off having Sunday racing, the more will it be to our advantage. More and more people are coming over here on Sundays. And I must stress how natural it seems to be racing on that day.

"The irony of it all is that the churches are playing to full houses in the mornings. And in the afternoons people are allowed to hunt, shoot, fish, race or do anything they like."

Irish racing does not present an exact parallel to Britain's in the tracks do not benefit from off-course betting. This, of course, is why the betting industry in Britain is slightly lukewarm about the project: would the extra turnover justify the extra expense of opening the shops on Sundays.

Racetracks, even the most entrepreneurial, entertain similar doubts. John Sanderson, clerk of the course and racecourse manager at York and Thirsk, says: "This is a complex problem. As far as York is concerned, we would not want Sunday racing before the Ebor meeting, as both our June and July Saturdays are so lucrative. And if we stage them on Sundays, the meetings abroad would be competing for our top jockeys and horses."

Tim Neligan, head of United Racecourses, who control Sandown, Kempton and Epsom, comments: "We wouldn't want to transfer Eclipse or Whitbread Gold Cup day, for example, to a Sunday, as they already attract capacity crowds. And on a normal Sunday I can't see us getting more than about 8,000."

But I can see Sunday racing being a big success out in the country, at Goodwood for example. People love to go out for the day in their cars. And smaller country tracks like Carniel could attract crowds of 15,000 to 16,000."

A very different point of view is expressed by Guy Harwood, whose Allez Milord won the big race in Cologne last Sunday and whose Dancing Brave is one of the favourites for the Arc.

"It would be mad to turn down chances of catering for the public's leisure activities and also of generating funds for extra prize money, which is still at such a low rate in this country," Harwood says. "People who are against it are just apathetic and lazy."

Another breath of fresh air came from Sir Woodrow Wyatt, the buccannery and imaginative chairman of the Totalisator Board. "I am sure racecourses are being far too conservative. People would flock to tracks like Sandown in fine weather. They've been to stately homes and safari parks a thousand times and are bored stiff by them."

Obviously, it is going to be impossible to get the betting shops opened and on-course betting permitted without an Act of Parliament. But if all else fails, I'd like to see one or two meetings without betting. And then the pressure of public demand might have some effect on the powers that be.

"You'd have to have rows of telephone boxes outside the course for credit clients to ring up the bookmakers. There'd obviously be some illegal betting as well. But anything's better than sitting back and doing nothing."

Let General Blacker, a total realist and experienced political fighter, have the last word.

"Of course we know that we need a change in the Gaming Act of 1963 before anything is possible. But I feel it would be madness to let the matter drop until British racing is permitted to enjoy the same opportunities as foreign racing, opportunities which other sports in this country already use to attract public support away from racing."



Price is right: Sir Peter Nugent conducts the lively proceedings at the Newmarket Yearling Sales that saw Lady Beaverbrook pay 560,000 guineas for a Mill Reef filly

## The prices skyrocket when mystery tangles with power

The day the Highflyer Yearling Sales began at Newmarket is the day that a cabal of equine mysteries and the might of money meet - like all other days in racing. This is Europe's most important yearling sale: there will be plenty of winners among the pop-eyed, sweating, spindly-legged little wonders that go under the hammer this week. Quite certainly there will also be a barrel-load of losers.

"Well-made workmanlike horse sire starting to do well in American bid if you want him twenty-five thousand, in the gate twenty-six thousand, seven hundred, twenty-eight thousand, eight hundred, twenty-nine thousand, nine hundred, thirty thousand, forty thousand, forty-one thousand, forty-two thousand, forty-three thousand, forty-four thousand, forty-five thousand, forty-six thousand, forty-seven thousand, forty-eight thousand, forty-nine thousand, fifty thousand."

"Anyone of these could fetch a good price," Teddy Beckett, of the British Bloodstock Agency, said. "It only takes two determined bidders." "I give this colt away for 40,000."

No money? The massed faces of the bidders were impassive, the occasional catalogue discreetly raised - "and seven... and over the sounds of decorous dealing came the pig-like whinnying of the horses, prancing the selling ring in triumph at the expressionless men of power who confronted them as they entered to meet their destinies."

The conditions of sale in the catalogue are a mixture of the uncompromising rules of the marketplace and the deepest and most arcane aspects of equine lore: "There is no term implied in any sale that any lot is of merchantable quality or is fit for any particular purpose."

The description of a horse does not exclude a ring or crypt-orchid. It wouldn't, would it? (A crypt-orchid is, I calculate, one of the most common plants in a calendar year, so as to gain experience.)

A new exception to allow sponsors to pay expenses in a handicap event, which has been approved by the governing body of golf, will enable finals of such events to take place in faraway places such as Bermuda within the framework of the rules. Even so, the prizes to be won in such events will have to conform with the new limits, and it will no longer be permitted to win a prize of an expenses-paid trip to take part in a golf competition.

It has also been made clear that if a player awaiting reinstatement is allowed to enter a competition solely among members of a club of which he is a member, he may win a prize. But this is a matter for his club to decide.

The ball some 30 yards. As a result the rule was changed to allow a free drop. Bobby Locke beat Bradshaw in a play-off for the title.

Laddie Lucas, at 71 two years younger than Bradshaw, has other claims to fame. The amateur counterpart of the left-handed Bob Charles has a string of decorations and has found time to write books and sit in the House of Commons.

## Britain get their way over SA plan

From John Goodbody Dublin

Britain yesterday staved off a threat at the Council of Europe that the Government would have to step in to stop any competitors visiting South Africa for sports events.

The British delegation, supported by West Germany and France, successfully opposed Sweden's resolution that, logically, would have obliged the Government to withdraw the passports of individuals intending to visit South Africa. The vision of immigration officers at Heathrow taking away the passports from a British Lions rugby team bound for Johannesburg is now an illusion.

Instead a compromise resolution submitted by Ireland, which has all the bite of the 1977 Gleneagles declaration, seems certain to be passed at today's final session of the fifth conference of European sports ministers, attended by 21 countries.

This resolution, that governments take "all possible action to encourage their sports federations to break all sports links with sports bodies, teams and sportspersons in South Africa". In other words it is status quo, with Mr Richard Tracey, the Sports Minister, trying to dissuade bodies from touring South Africa, usually without effect. For many competitors the lure of the Krugerrand is more powerful than the criticism of the British Government.

Because of the stiff opposition to Sweden's original proposal, a compromise resolution was inevitable. The Council of Europe likes unanimity rather than disagreement.

Britain will propose today that if a competitor is found guilty of taking drugs the penalty should be a life ban with a minimum of four years in certain cases. This has the support here of Prince Alexandre de Merode, chairman of the International Olympic Committee's medical commission.

In the past there have been examples of competitors who have been found "positive" being quietly reinstated. Martti Vainio, stripped of his Olympic 10,000 metres silver medal in 1984 for taking anabolic steroids, was this year reinstated and competed in the European athletics championships. An 18-month ban is totally insufficient and also allows a competitor a period of training without being subjected to tests, which can completely defeat the object of imposing any ban.

Britain's proposal will give moral support to those members of the International Olympic Committee working towards stiffer penalties for drug-taking. A minimum four-year ban will effectively end most competitor's international careers and disqualify them from one Olympic Games. It is about time the IOC took a lead on this matter.

### Simon Barnes

read, a male animal "in which one or both testes do not descend into the scrotum from the abdomen at the usual time." (Now you know.)

These yearlings that fetch such fancy money - Lady Beaverbrook spent more than half a million on a sweet little thing on Tuesday - have never been trained, never had so much as a saddle on them. You buy entirely on two magic ingredients: pedigree and conformation. Lady Beaverbrook's little black filly with its lovely white star has Mill Reef as its father and as a mother a daughter of Sea Bird II. Those bloodlines are not so much aristocratic as royal.

Lineage is of vital importance: racing people believe that coronets knocked kind hearts into a coked hat, and that simple faith is nothing alongside Northern Dancer blood.

Another lot: "Fabulously bred, rotten horse," Beckett said. "On paper a winner all the way. But he can't race paper." This is where the conformation, the magic part, comes in. You must make up your mind from a brief inspection of the horse standing still, and then walking a few yards. You want everything to be straight and firm and true. You feel the horse's legs, make a mystic pass over the withers, feel the gullet for roominess, then you make a hicrotypic in your catalogue, thank the groom and walk away with that special Newmarket blank expression on your face. Out of search, you murmur to your companion: "Horrid little horse" or "Don't like that front leg."

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## Whitewash fears as squad is named

When the name of the big forward, Martin Bella, was announced in the Australian selection party many pundits described his selection as a surprise. No one in Halifax was surprised, since the denizens of Turram Hall well remember Bella's power, his strength and his ability to give strength and solidity to the Halifax front row during the great revival two seasons ago.

At loose forward in that side was a raw young Australian, Dave Langmack, who like Bella, was brought to England by the Halifax president, David Brook, and proved to be one of the most lively back row forwards in the English game. Langmack too has made the Kangaroo party.

Bella and Langmack are two of the "Anglo-Australians" in the touring squad, which arrives in Britain next week for a 13-match tour, determined to equal the record of the brilliant 1982 Kangaroos who won every game. When the party was announced at the weekend there was a rash of familiar names, to spot the familiar faces made players who have made outstanding contributions to British rugby league during recent seasons.

The captain is the big Queensland stand-off half, Wally Lewis, who played a spell with Wakefield Trinity without making up too many triumphs. On the 1982 tour he played second fiddle to Brett Kenny, the stylish half back whose penetrative running and superbly timed passes motivated Wigan's challenge cup success in 1985.

## HOCKEY Sardar back in favour

Karachi (Reuters) - Pakistan, reeling from Sunday's stunning defeat by South Korea, have recalled Hassan Sardar, their excellent centre forward, for the World Cup in London tomorrow.

Sardar, aged 28, considered by some to be the Diego Maradona of hockey, was dropped from the team in August, a decision which caused uproar. But Pakistan's 2-1 defeat by unfancied South Korea in the final of the Asian Games in Seoul gives him a chance to add to his 150 caps.

Sardar was top scorer in the sides which brought Pakistan the 1982 world crown, the 1984 Olympic and the 1982 Asian Games titles.

TODAY'S FIXTURES  
CENTRAL LEAGUE: Bradford (2) vs Wakefield (2) 7.30pm  
AMATEUR FOOTBALL ALLIANCE: AFC Telford vs Wolves (1) 7.30pm

## Amateurs compete for less

The average amateur golfer will be forced to take a "pay cut" in 1987 under the new rules of amateur status to be introduced by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews on January 1. An amendment has increased the limit for a prize, or prize voucher, by £20 to £170, but this will apply only for events of more than two rounds. The amended rule states for the first time that "for an event of two rounds or less, the prize will be £110."

An amateur competing in an 18-hole pro-am will, for instance, only be able to accept a prize to the value of £110; in the past, sponsors have been able to offer gifts up to the value of £130.

The Royal and Ancient are also continuing to base their calculations on the value of the pound being more than two-thirds of a US dollar. So the prize limits for events outside Great Britain and Ireland will be £400, for those of more than two rounds, and £260 for any other event.

Peter Alliss and Bruce Critchley have spammed the years in selecting their teams for the second British next Thursday between Ryder Cup and Walker Cup players at Royal Cinque Ports. Deal.

## GOLF Rule change after bottle escape bid

The Royal and Ancient has also announced controlled liberalization of expenses to allow a club, as well as a national or county union, to nominate promising players to receive expenses in individual events, not exceeding 20 competitive days in a calendar year, so as to gain experience.

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The fledgling, at 35, is Roddy Carr, son of the three-times Amateur champion from Dumbarton who played heroically in the Walker Cup victory of 1971

## RUDBY LEAGUE DIARY

Australia was one of the reasons for the slide from power of Hull. Sterling never stops thinking or moving and his cunning intelligence is just as potent a force as his ball handling and courage in the thick of the battle. He will be badly missed if his injured shoulder takes time to heal.

At Knowlsey Road, St Helens supporters are wondering how many points the prolific Saints would have rattled up this season with the huge Brisbane policeman, Mal Meninga, in the centre, a rogal elephant on the charge, and the rugby brain and handling skills of a human. Meninga became a folk hero at St Helens and, circumstances willing, he will be back again next season.

At Wigan they remember Greg Dowling, a strong running front-rower, and Widnes supporters will briefly welcome back another formidable forward, Noel Cheal. Leeds, who are having a rough time so far this season, will cast their minds back to the time when burly Eric Grothe was running in tries at Huddersley, scattering defenders like chaff, even though injury kept him from producing his best form.

These and other Australians have injected life into the British game over the past few years, and it will be good to see them in action again, even if their presence in this country threatens Great Britain with another series whitewash.











SPORT

City playing safe as Frizzell is put in charge

Manchester City have opted for stability and thrift. Yesterday they confirmed the appointment of Jimmy Frizzell, the club's assistant manager for the last three years, as their new manager.

Behind the quiet image there are occasional glimpses of a pawky wit. After an early sighting of Queen's Park Rangers' notorious plastic surface, he said: "They tell me this is where the game's future lies. If so I'm glad I'm getting on a bit. But we were pleased to get a point - usually the only thing we get out of London is the train from Euston."

That humour will undoubtedly be needed in the attempt to restore confidence

Tickets only

Ticket restrictions are being introduced for Leeds United's next four away matches in the second division. Although Leeds are still waiting to hear from the FA about their plea to bring back a selective ban on ticket sales, Plymouth Argyle, Grimsby Town, Millwall and Birmingham City have agreed to make their matches with the Yorkshire club all-ticket.

to a team already in deep depression. City's record of only one win in their last 23 games, with only five goals scored in their nine games this season, three of them in a 10-minute burst on the opening day, demonstrates the extent of the task facing their new manager.

Frizzell concedes that goal scoring is his major priority. He is, however, a careful operator in the transfer market, as both his Scottish birth and years with Oldham dictate, and although he watched Colin Pascoe, of Swansea, on Tuesday, he was not interested in the reported fee of £200,000.

For the moment the most likely moves will be departures - negotiations with Fulham over Gordon Davies and the move of Steve Kinsey to America. He is expected eventually to bring in a younger assistant.

A forward with Morton and then Oldham Athletic, with whom he spent 22 years as player and then manager, Frizzell has served a long apprenticeship in the ways of managing a club on a shoe-string. Swales, however, who confessed to be "touchy" about constant references to City's financial position, said that Frizzell would have some money to spend - "if it is for the right man."

That is unlikely to frighten Frizzell, whose eye for a bargain and for developing young talent provides his best testimonial. When he took over at Oldham as caretaker-manager at the beginning of 1970, the club had reached its lowest ebb. In serious financial trouble, they were facing the threat of applying for re-election for a second successive year.

Re-election was avoided, and the following season Oldham gained promotion. After two years of consolidation, they won the third division championship in 1974. They have been in the second division ever since. Frizzell's ability to buy cheap and sell profitably keeping the club on an even keel. In 1982 they made their most serious stab at promotion to division one until injuries to key players led to a decline and they finished in mid-table. In the event Frizzell was sacked.



Happiness: Lloyd Honeyghan shares his jubilation at winning the undisputed world welterweight boxing championship with his family and friends yesterday. Report, page 36

RUGBY UNION

Cornwall will lack their captain

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Chris Alcock, the Royal Navy full back and captain of Cornwall, will miss his county's game against the Japanese at Redruth on Saturday. Alcock has broken a bone in his wrist, though he should be fit to play in the Thorn EMI county championship.

His place in the team goes to Buzza, the Redruth and Loughborough University stand-off half, and Cornwall will be led by Howarth, the Plymouth Albion flank forward. Howarth has not been available in Cornwall's three warm-up games thus far because of naval duties.

The county also extend a warm welcome back to Corin, who appeared 66 times for Cornwall before emigrating to South Africa three years ago. He played many times at lock but now appears as No 8 representing 51 lives, whom he now captains and coaches.

Unfortunately, preparations have not gone as hoped; Cornwall have lost all three

games so far, against Edinburgh, an invitation XV raised by David East, and last Monday, a strong Crawshaw's Welsh team. After they have played Japan there is one further game, against the Royal Navy on October 28, before Cornwall begin their county programme against Berkshire on November 8.

Warwickshire, the county champions, play their annual friendly with Glamorgan at Maesteg on Monday evening. Robbins, capped by England at No 8 last season, remains Warwickshire's captain but he will be without the two Thomases on Monday. Paul, the flank forward, is recovering from an operation and Sieve, the scrum half, has not recovered from a domestic accident.

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GOLF

Douglas in front after start delayed

Kitrina Douglas from Bristol, opened up a two strokes lead at the half-way stage of the £20,000 Mitsubishi Colt Cars Jersey open championship at Royal Jersey yesterday.

After a persistent sea mist had delayed the start for five hours Miss Douglas, 26, shot a four under par 67 for a 36 holes aggregate of 138. This leaves the West County professional two strokes clear of Australia's Corione Dibuah with three other overseas challengers one stroke further behind.

When a shotgun start was introduced in an attempt to make up lost time Miss Douglas, without a tour win since 1984, opened her round with three putts on the ninth green for a bogey six.

But she then turned on the style with five birdies in the next nine holes as she covered the inward half in 31.

The lowest round of the day came from Italy's Federica Dassu who never exceeded par in a career best 65 which pulled her into a share of third place.

LEADING SCORES: GB and Ireland unless stated: 138: K Douglas (71-67), 140: C O'Donnell (AUS) 70, 70, 141: S van Wyk (SA) 73, 66, P Conry (IS) 70, 71, Derris (70) 76, 65, 143: L Davies 67, 145: G Stewart (AUS) 70, C Patton 70, 69, 145: K Lunn (AUS) 71, 74, Y Eschbar (AUS) 73, 70, L Neumann (SWE) 73, 72, 146: E Morrison (SWE) 73, 72, S Moran (US) 73-72, 146: M Thomson 73, 73, A Alcock 73, 73, A Shearer (SA) 74, 72, E Glass 73, 73, L Mulford (AUS) 72, 74.

● Tournament favourite Des Smyth quickly took a stranglehold on the Irish Professional Golf Championship at rain-swept Waterville yesterday with a five under par first round 68.

Five birdies in a back nine 33 highlighted his best-ever score on the big championship links as he opened up a four shots lead from Joe Purcell, one-time European tour performer who is now settled in a club role at Headfort.

In spite of being soaked to the skin throughout, Ryder Cup man Smyth was in happy mood.

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India warn any trip to SA may isolate England

Any county cricketer who wishes to be chosen for England's World Cup team in India and Pakistan this time next year should avoid visiting South Africa in the coming winter, whether to coach or for any other reason. That warning was issued here yesterday by Mr N. K. P. Salve, the deputy leader of the ruling Congress parliamentary party in the Indian Upper House, who is also chairman of the World Cup organizing committee.

Mr Salve intends to approach England's delegate when the International Cricket Conference (ICC) holds a special meeting in Delhi on November 3 and 4 to make final arrangements for the 1987 tournament. "Any South African visits would be unwise in a delicate situation," he said.

"I am not only trying to ensure that the World Cup takes place without controversy, but it is far more serious even than that. We are more anxious that nothing should happen which might leave England isolated from the rest of the world cricket family - England, Australia and New Zealand, or anybody."

Mr Salve, a former president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, gave his first British interview to The Times since plans for the World Cup on the sub-continent took definite shape. He said India and Pakistan had warned the ICC that their governments retained the prerogative to refuse entry to any individuals with South African connections.

He believed that England's Test and County Cricket Board had acted appropriately with the three-year ban on their South African players. "We feel the slate is clean," he said. "The question of going to South Africa to coach has now been raised and I am

Rehearsal for Cup over rate

Delhi - After the second Test match wash-out, the first thing to be mentioned about today's fourth one-day international between India and Australia is that the weather forecast is good. For neutrals, an interesting side issue will be to see if the team bowling first manages to complete the required 50 overs in the 3½ hours before lunch (Richard Stretton writes).

Fifty overs are planned in next year's World Cup but neither team has managed to reach this figure in the three games played so far this season. Each match has become a 47-over contest with India the dilly-dally culprits twice and Australia once. In India, the innings in one-day games are separated by lunch, with the side bowling first effectively settling the match's duration.

India have nominated the same 15 players summoned for the third one-day international at Hyderabad, but immediately followed the tied Test at Madras. Rain washed out that match halfway through.

India have spurned direct financial help from the government, though foreign exchange control limits have been waived for £1.8 million. Instead the organizers will receive set pay-off from the local associations staging the matches.

Anyone, though, who has seen Calcutta's dreadful problems, who must raise £1.5 million, will find some of these figures mind-boggling. No country is more financially strapped than India and Pakistan, who clearly see the tournament as a chance to show the world what they can do, although the organizers still have problems.

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The Test and County Cricket Board have barred Ian Botham from taking part in Thames Television's Midweek Sport Special next Wednesday. Botham was to have been interviewed live on the programme, which will be broadcast the night before England depart for their winter tour of Australia, but the players' contracts forbid them to write or broadcast about the tour.

Trevor East, executive producer of the programme, booked Botham through the player's agent several weeks ago. But last week Botham signed his tour contract which meant that the TCCB's permission had to be secured for him to appear on the programme. This was refused.

Botham himself flew to Kuwait yesterday morning to play for a World XI against a Pakistan XI in two one-day, benefit matches for the Pakistani leg spinner, Abdul Qadir. Mr East said: "I went through all the right channels and it was done in good faith. Ian Botham is the most interesting person in English cricket and people would like to see and hear him just before the team leaves for Australia." He stressed that Botham

Luck of the Irish runs out as East Germans march on

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

It was the usual tale for the Irish in Europe yesterday. They gained honour in defeat. Both Gletorau, in the Cup-Winners' Cup, and Caleraie, in the UEFA Cup, resisted stubbornly in East Germany and their dismissal from the first round of the competitions was not confirmed until the handshakes had been exchanged.

Gletorau, who had drawn against Lokomotiv Leipzig two weeks ago, fell behind after 36 minutes but remained in contention until Richter added a second in the final minute. Although Cleary, who was responsible for Gletorau's goal in the first leg, shook the bar, Lokomotiv were so dominant that they were awarded 15 corners to the Irishmen's none.

Coleraie subsided shortly before the interval in Brandenburg, Jeske nodding

Stahl into an overall lead. East German superiority was as evident but the Irish refused to yield. Heart of Midlothian, representing Scotland in the UEFA Cup, went out by an even narrower margin in Hungary. Dukla Prague, for whom Griga scored 10 minutes after the interval, went through on the away goals rule.

Universitatea Craiova's visit to Istanbul opened with the quickest strike of the day and closed on a note of disgrace. Bicu extended their aggregate lead within a minute and even though Cuney equalised for Galatasaray on the hour, their path to the second round of the UEFA Cup seemed serene enough.

But Lung, the captain and goalkeeper of the Romaioan side, remained anything but calm. With five minutes left, he became so incensed after conceding a disputed second

goal that his extravagant display of dissent persuaded Lo Bello, a controversial referee from Italy, to send him off.

Universitatea held on without their leader but their fellow countrymen, Dynamo Bucharest, were surprisingly knocked out of the Cup-Winners' Cup. Amatori, an international centre forward built along the lines of a spider, gained their lone consolation against Neotort of Hirana, who started with a goal from Minga and finished with another from Josa.

Porto, the Portuguese champions who had overpowered their Maltese opponents in the European Cup a fortnight ago, merely stretched their muscles in the afternoon sunshine in Valetta. To the nine goals they had already scored at home against Rabat Ajax, they added only one more, from Sousa 10 minutes from time.

Old Canadian story

By a Correspondent

Leinster..... 13  
Canadians..... 3

While the Canadian touring team are still without a win in Ireland, Leinster, successful at Lansdowne Road yesterday by a goal, a try and a penalty to a penalty, will derive minimum satisfaction from this result.

For the Canadians it was a repeat of past events - an inability to kick penalties at moderate range, added to a lack of penetration at half-back and in the centre. They had out-half McLean to thank for their solitary penalty and could only watch with regret as three earlier attempts were wide by narrow margins.

Leinster, calling on 10 internationals and making their first appearance of the season, led 13-3 at half-time but still have much to do before the start of the Irish provincial championship.

Leinster opened with a try by Mullen after solid approach work by the half-backs and Murphy at full-back. Murphy converted and later kicked a long-range penalty after Kearney had rounded off a spirited counter-attack with a try in the corner.

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CYCLING Challenge for local favourite From John Wilcockson Galway Eric Vanderaerden, of Belgium, and his Panasonic team threw down a strong challenge to the home favourite, Sean Kelly, in the Nissan International Classic yesterday. All five of the Panasonic riders engineered a sprint victory for the Belgian at the end of the 127-mile first stage. His Australian team colleague, Phil Anderson, set the final ball rolling when he attacked entering damp, dark Galway with two laps of a 2.5-mile circuit in the town centre remaining. "Phil's attack was good for me," Vanderaerden said. Vanderaerden won the points championship in the Tour de France in Kelly's absence this year. "Kelly had to chase and I was ready to make the sprint." The pursuit of Anderson by Kelly and his Swiss team colleague, Stephan Joho, combined with six sharp corners, caused the 90-strong field to split. There was at least one crash and 21 riders joined the Australian as the bell sounded for the final lap. With half a mile remaining there was an attack by another Panasonic man, Teun Van Vliet, the Dutchman who won in Galway with a similar move in last year's race. Realizing he was not going to win, Van Vliet stayed at the front, leading Vanderaerden. The small time bonuses awarded for the leaders allowed Vanderaerden to take the overall lead by one second from Kelly. RESULTS: Stage one (Dublin to Galway, 127 miles): 1. E Vanderaerden (BEL), 15:59.2; 2. S Kelly (IRE), 16:00.0; 3. J Joho (SWE), 16:01.0; 4. M Elmer (GER), 16:02.0; 5. C Barone (ITA), 16:03.0; 6. A Van der Poel (NED), 16:04.0; 7. S Bauer (GER), 16:05.0; 8. P Thomson (GB), 16:06.0; 9. J Leckey (IRE), 16:07.0; 10. C McCann (IRE), 16:08.0.

SPORT IN BRIEF Davis in a tussle Steve Davis, the former world snooker champion, was given a fright in the BCE International at Stoke yesterday when Eugene Hughes, of Ireland, moved within one frame of victory and a place in the semi-finals. Davis struggling to find his form, led 2-1 before his opponent reeled off three successive frames to take a 4-2 lead. But, with typical determination, Davis took the seventh frame with a break of 74, then won the last of the afternoon's session to level the match. All clear Allan Lamb has put an end to fears that his knee injury would rule him out of the England's forthcoming Ashes series in Australia. The South African-born batsman, who cracked a cartilage in his right knee when he ran into an advertising hoarding during the Texaco Trophy match against New Zealand at Headingley in the summer, said last night: "The injury is coming along slowly, but it's going to be OK for the tour." Winning run Bulgaria qualified for the final round of four at the men's world volleyball championship in Toulouse yesterday, with a 3-0 victory over China. They join the United States and the Soviet Union, with France and Brazil competing for the final place. Back on road Ari Vatanen, of Finland, the former world rally champion who was badly injured in a crash in Argentina in July of last year, is contemplating a comeback. Fund raisers Yorkshire County Cricket Club are hoping to raise £300,000 in the next year to finance the development and running of an indoor cricket school near their Headingley headquarters. Huish named David Huish has been named as captain of the Professional Golfers' Association for 1988. Huish, Great Britain and Ireland's most capped player at the PGA Cup level, will succeed Peter Alliss

